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Comment Of The Day

Mr MURROW & THE POLICE

IN the case of Edward Murrow the radio commentator who has raised a hornet's nest over the part played by sex in America's business world, there has arisen a serious challenge to the freedom of the Press. There seems no doubt that Murrow's charges are true though how large a part call girls play in business dealings is being argued furiously. Murrow has exposed this vice with the help of the people involved—prostitutes, "madams" and a businessman. And unless he had given his word not to name names he could not have accumulated the material for his broadsheet and the world would not be discussing the scandal.

A Mockery

NOW the New York police suggest they will consult with the District Attorney to see what steps can be taken to force Murrow to disclose his sources. Courts of justice are entitled to do this if they consider the issue important. But the police are not the courts. And if they are permitted to force newsmen and editors to disclose the sources of any news story that happens to interest them, freedom of the Press will become a mockery.

A free and responsible Press, unrestricted by fear of victimisation from government or public bodies, plays an important part in the democratic way of life. But if the Press falls under a police dictatorship such as is threatened in New York men like Murrow can pick up and go fishing.

A Watchdog

CERTAINLY no one would ever pass on information to the Press knowing the police would have his name the moment the paper reached the street. The Press, in its role as a watchdog and a prod to the consciences of public officials would be as effectively destroyed as if every sheet of copy were vetted by those officials as it left the typewriter.

The police protect their own informers—who are mostly petty criminals—and distasteful as this is, it is an essential aspect of crime fighting throughout the world. Let the public, and its spokesman the Press, also have a similar advantage. If a man such as Murrow and hundreds of other newsmen whose path he follows are able to gain valuable and accurate information which will expose an evil, let them not be hampered.

In Your Saturday Mail

"I MAINTAIN that seldom have troops been left in so feckless a fight!" declares Randolph Churchill as he continues The Suez Story tomorrow with a blow-by-blow description of the battle that was to be heard of around the world a few hours after the first attack.

He also pauses in his expose to deal with a lady...

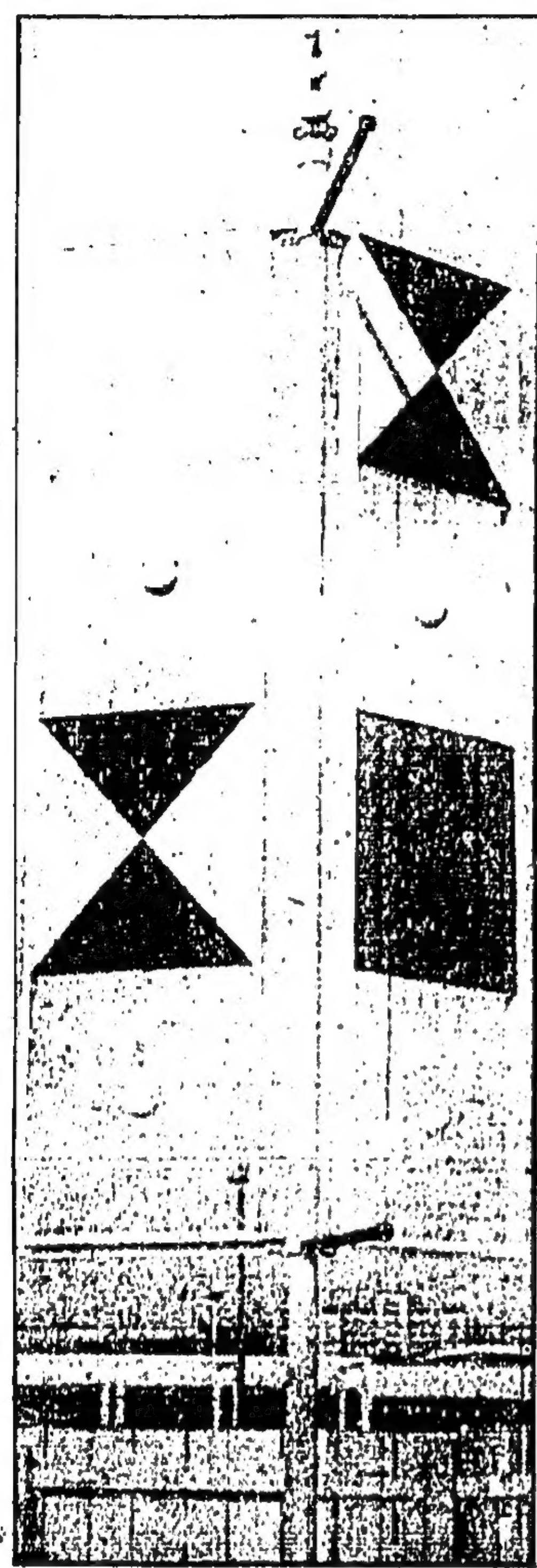
In the fifth and last exciting chapter, Woodrow Wyatt brings to a close his fascinating series on what life is expected to be like in 1959.

Included in tomorrow's big feature-packed weekend issue are:

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CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR AFTER HOURS Bar Manager Acquitted

FLAG STANDARD FOR VISIT OF DUKE



A prototype of the flag standards which will be raised by Government for the forthcoming visit of the Duke of Edinburgh, made its first appearance today.

It consists of a main flagpole, about 20 feet high, with two artistic panels attached. A flag will be suspended between two black arms which can be seen in the photograph, at right angles to the flagpole.

It was learned this morning that these designs may be changed. A number of them will be posted around the Statue Square area. This particular has been erected near

the unopened Government Car Park on the Central Reclamation.

In addition to the hanging flags and coloured panels, coloured streamers will be attached to the top of the posts. Locally made coloured lanterns will be hung from the streamers.

Other Government plans for decorations include coloured lamp standards along Des Voeux Road, hanging flags in Garden Road, and there will be a decorated feature at the junction of Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road Central, in the triangular road island to the east of the Bank of China.—China Mail Photo.

Keith (Only) Phoned 999 — Sums Were Wrong

London, Jan. 22. Six-year-old Keith Syrett made an emergency call to police here—because he had got his sums wrong at school.

He was worrying about this on the way to school when he remembered his mother's advice to call the police if he needed help.

So Keith went into a public telephone booth, and made an emergency "999" call. He got through to the local police headquarters and an alarm went out to all cars: "Boy needs help."

The forces of the Law converged on the telephone booth by road, cycle and on foot.

Keith explained: "My teacher has put ticks in the arithmetic books of some of the children and she says they are good."

"But she put a cross in my book. I want a tick—but she won't do it."

Then a squad car arrived and its occupants told Keith tactfully that they could not force the teacher to give him ticks.

His mother, Mrs. Aoyce Syrett, told reporters last night: "I gave Keith a talking and told him to work harder at school."

—China Mail Special.

Element Of Doubt

Mr I. T. Morris at Central Magistracy this morning acquitted Albert Wu, 40-year-old manager of the Arizona Bar, North Point, of a charge of selling liquor after hours, contrary to conditions of the liquor licence.

Mr Morris said the prosecution in this case had not produced sufficient evidence to justify a conviction on this most serious charge, and there were certain discrepancies in the prosecution's evidence.

Mr Wu, of 11A North Point Road, second floor, who had pleaded not guilty, was represented by Mr L. J. D'Almada Remedios, of D'Almada Remedios and Co. Chief Inspector N. Reynolds prosecuted.

Called 'Time'

The case arose over a visit to the bar by two European plainclothes police inspectors who alleged that drinks were served to a total of nine European drinkers after 2 a.m. and after an employee of the bar had called "Time."

Drinks were seized from European drinkers, others were taken from the counter. A plastic tray with \$6.60 change was also taken. Eight witnesses gave evidence in support of the prosecution's case.

Mr Wu in his evidence said he called "Time, Gentlemen, please" at 1.50 a.m. He did this because he saw the two police officers and wanted to avoid trouble.

Five minutes later four Europeans came in and ordered drinks. When Mr Wu refused they pointed out that it was only 1.55 a.m.

Maintained

Mr Wu maintained that all drinks were sold before 2 a.m. though sometimes customers remained drinking after that time.

"In trying this case," Mr Morris said, "I have to decide it justly on the evidence which is adduced bearing always in mind that the onus is on the prosecution to prove their case beyond reasonable doubt."

"I do not think that they have produced sufficient evidence in this case to justify a conviction on this most serious charge."

"There are certain discrepancies in the evidence for the prosecution and the time when the alleged offence is stated to have occurred is not clear."

"Furthermore, watches were supposed to have been synchronised by inspectors Bellingham and Phillips at 9 p.m. on the evening of December 4 from the news announcement on Rediffusion."

"On examination of the programme for the night of the December 4, it was discovered that 'Deadly Nightshade' and not 'News' was on the air at that time."

"The prosecution have not discharged the burden of proof which the law has placed upon them; there is here an element of doubt and that being so the charge against the defendant is dismissed."

THREE DIE IN AIR CRASH

Amman, Jan. 22.

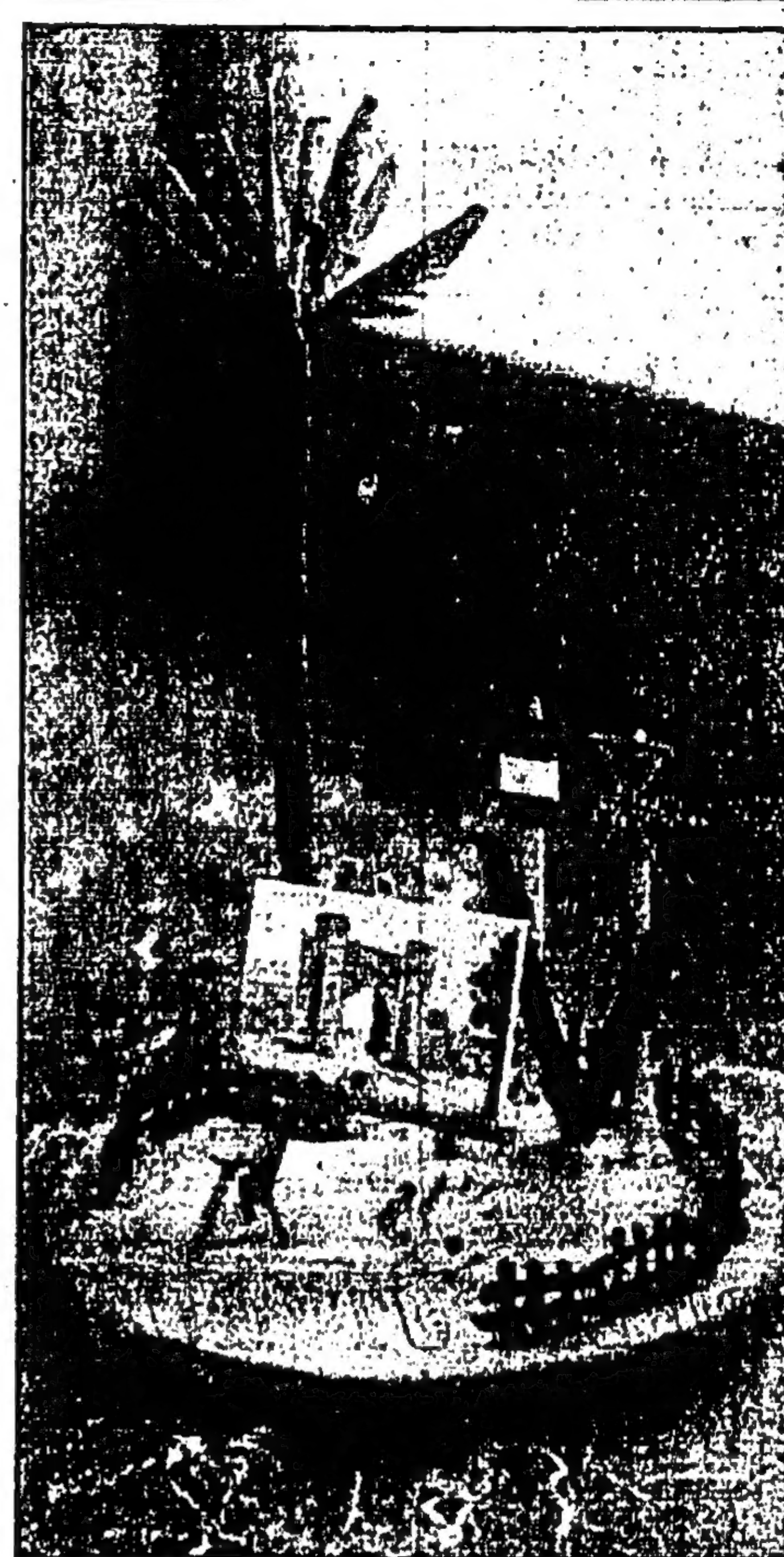
Three persons were killed and three badly hurt today when a Convair 240 of Air Jordan crashed 10 miles west of here. The plane, with 11 passengers and three crew aboard, was coming in from Beirut and Jerusalem.—U.P.I.

ABSTRACT PAINTINGS FOR NURSERY

London, Jan. 22.

A London child specialist said today that children's wards in hospitals should be decorated with Picasso-like abstracts and not with illustrations from nursery rhymes and books. The specialist, Dr John Minkinshaw, in a letter to the British Medical Journal, said, "Once

CAKE FOR WINSTON



Sir Winston and Lady Churchill flew to Marrakesh for the winter holidays recently and this cake was presented to the well-known couple by the management of their hotel in the city.—Express Photo.

Churchill Would Never Have Made The Grade

London, Jan. 22. Sir Winston Churchill, when a boy, would have failed to qualify for a grammar school education if he had had to pass the present educational test, Mr Clement Davies, former Liberal Party leader, asserted tonight.



London Express Service.

Britain's former Prime Minister has himself often admitted that he was a slow starter at school. He went to Harrow, one of the most expensive and exclusive schools in Britain.

Mr Davies was criticising the present system—by which children at the age of 11, on the basis of an examination, are selected for either a grammar school or a less academic "secondary modern school."

Mr Davies supported the Labour opposition's policy of large numbers of "comprehensive" schools. Because these cater for all stages of a school career, the transfer from a primary school at 11 becomes unnecessary.

The Government's argument is that with the present shortage of grammar schools, a selection test at 11 is inevitable.—Reuter.

Queen Creates Four New Life Peers

London, Jan. 23.

Sir Hartley Shawcross, former Labour statesman and British prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials is made a "life peer" by the Queen today.



'Planner Ploeden'

He is one of four new life barons—whose titles will expire with their deaths.

The Queen similarly honours: Sir Eric James, High Master of the Manchester Grammar School; Sir Edwin Ploeden, Chairman of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority; and Lionel Robbins, Professor of Economics at the University of London and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery.

Efficiency

Today's is the second group of life peers created at the request of the Conservative Government as a measure aimed to improve the quality of debate and the efficiency of Britain's second chamber.

It is understood that in the present instance, Mr Gaitskell did not consider it necessary to make any recommendations.

The decision to offer a life peerage to 55-year-old Sir Hartley Shawcross was thus entirely the responsibility of the Conservative Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan.

Sir Hartley was a leading minister in the two post-war Labour governments, first as Attorney-General and then as President of the Board of Trade. Newspapers sometimes talked of him as a future Labour Prime Minister.

In recent years, however, he has appeared to observers to have moved to the right politically—especially on the issue of nationalisation.

Resigned

Last year, he resigned from his House of Commons seat and then from the Labour Party. He is now a director of the Shell Petroleum Company.

Sir Hartley was chief prosecutor for the United Kingdom at the Nuremberg trials of major Nazi war criminals and principal delegate to the assemblies of the United Nations from 1945 to 1949.

Sir Eric James, 40, a scientist, has been High Master of Manchester Grammar School since 1945 and before that was an Assistant Master at Winchester College.

He is a former chairman of the Headquarters Conference. Sir Edwin Ploeden, 52, has been Chairman of Britain's Atomic Energy Authority since 1954.

He was chairman of the Economic Planning Board from 1947 to 1953.

From 1953 to 1954 he was advisor to the Atomic Energy Organisation.

War-time Work

Sir Edwin is known as "planner Ploeden" because of his war-time work as a civil servant at Whitehall.

Mr Lionel Charles Robbins, 60, has been Professor of Economics at London University since 1929.

He is also a Trustee of the National Gallery and of the State Gallery, Britain's top art collections.

During the Second World War he was Director of the Economic Section for the offices of the war cabinet.—Reuter.

TYRONE'S WIDOW HAS SON

Hollywood, Jan. 22. Mrs Deborah Power, widow of actor Tyrone Power, gave birth to his only son today at Cedars of Lebanon hospital.

The five-pound, 12 ounces boy was born this morning. Mrs Power, 27, was reported in excellent condition by hospital attendants.

The pretty former Mississippi co-ed married Power in May 8, 1938, at Tunica, Mississippi.

The marriage ended tragically last November 15 when Power, 44, suffered a fatal heart attack while at work on a movie in Mexico.—Reuter.

Tear-Gas Bombing In Cyprus

Nicosia, Jan. 22.

The British authorities for the first time had recourse to tear-gas bombing by helicopters to relieve British soldiers stoned by the entire population of Aghridia village, it was learned here today. A woman was injured.

An official communique said the security forces, in the two Landrovers, were yesterday investigating an earlier find of explosives in nearby Agros village when they were attacked by the villagers.

The villagers claimed the incident began when soldiers "punched a schoolmaster and made rude gestures to girl students."

RESCUED

The girls, the villagers said, called on the boy students to rescue the schoolmaster. In the melee, the soldiers released the teacher and started throwing stones at the students, the villagers said.

Troops were alleged to have mistreated another schoolmaster, which led to a barrage of stones by the students.—France-Press.

NEW SUPER HIGHWAY BREAKS UP!

London, Jan. 22.

The British Government ordered an immediate investigation today of damage to the country's first modern super-highway which cracked up only seven weeks after it was opened.

Minister of Transport Harold Watkinson announced he has called for a detailed engineering investigation "as a matter of urgency."

The new eight-mile bypass highway around the City of Exeter was closed for repairs yesterday after ice and torrential rainstorms split it into a mass of cracks and pot-holes.—U.P.I.

Plant Explosion

Copenhagen, Jan. 22.

A violent explosion rocked the Copenhagen animal fodder plant tonight. One injured person was taken out from the building and seven other persons were missing.

Firemen, police and ambulance rushed to the scene of the accident, but there was no fire.—France-Press.

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"DEATH GERM" NOT SO POTENT

Experts View

London, Jan. 22.

Medical circles today discounted a press report which said that British scientists had developed a "death germ" capable of wiping out the world's population. An article in the News Chronicle today said that scientists working at secret defence laboratories in Western England had "perfected" over five years a germ known as "Botulinus."

It said "a few specks of these germs are enough to kill more than a million people. A pound of them is enough to depopulate the world and destroy all animal life." Whitehall refused to comment on the article.

Depopulate?

But a spokesman for the British Medical Association told Reuters that the germ had been known to the medical profession for a considerable time and it was "difficult to see" how it could depopulate the world as one person could not infect another.

The spokesman said that the Botulinus germ, which is rare, originated in the soil and could only be spread in water artificially, for purposes such as germ warfare.

But a "massive supply" would be necessary to contaminate the water supplies of an entire country.

He added that the germ in its present form, however, could cause a mortality rate of at least 10 per cent. Unless a more virulent strain had been developed, an epidemic could be prevented by the prompt use of anti-toxin.

Controllable

A London expert on poisons, commenting on the article, described the germ as "the most potent of all gastrointestinal poisons." But, he added, absence of air was essential for the germ to

Sir Edmund Stricken By Exhaust Fumes

London, Jan. 22.

Sir Edmund Hillary collapsed after being overcome with carbon monoxide fumes during last year's crossing of the Antarctic continent. It was revealed today.

Dr. L. G. Pugh, of the National Institute for Medical Research, said today carbon monoxide poisoning was one of the important hazards of the expedition.

Long hours of travelling in snowsuits with the cabin windows shut because of intense cold caused poisoning symptoms in the British expedition.

But in the New Zealand party, a small caravan with an exhaust heater and two primus cooking stoves was blamed. Sir Edmund Hillary collapsed on leaving the caravan on one occasion, Dr Pugh added.

Atom Plants

Moscow, Jan. 22. The Soviet Union is building three atomic power plants and will start work on two others shortly, the Soviet Labour Union paper "Trud" said today.

—France-Press.

Nuclear Corporals In Germany

London, Jan. 22. British Defence Minister Duncan Sandys told the Commons in a written statement today a British Army Unit equipped with "Corporal" missiles designed to fire a nuclear warhead is to be based in West Germany on an airfield near Dortmund.

The Minister said nuclear warheads would be held in a Nato stockpile and issued in an emergency on instructions from the Supreme Nato Commander in Europe. —France-Press.

SPIES PUT RUSSIA AHEAD IN ATOM RACE WITH U.S.

From ARTHUR BRITTENDEN

New York, Jan. 23.

An admission that Soviet spies have stolen U.S. secrets which have helped Russia to spurt ahead in nuclear weapons development is made in an official report to Congress.

The report, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, says that not only are Russian agents at work across the United States. But they have also been discovered in jobs with U.S. embassies and official agencies abroad.

When Russia said recently that America had let off 18 more Pacific nuclear test explosions than she had made known, official U.S. reaction was to dismiss this as a propaganda claim.

But the espionage report says "this Soviet announcement was not quite, but almost 100 per cent, accurate."

Did the Russians find out with scientific instruments? The report says it is far more likely the facts went to Russia from spies.

One of America's top intelligence and weapons officers—Lieut.-General Arthur Truett, Army Chief of Research and Development—told the committee:

OUTSTRIPPED

"The Communists' intelligence and counter intelligence is practically on a wartime basis. And their espionage, particularly their industrial espionage, is rated as superior by our own intelligence professionals."

The result, says the committee, is that Russia has been able "to outstrip the U.S. in

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How Pacifists Were Force-Fed

Pretty Girl Craves Slim Pills

London, Jan. 22. Ann Irene Curtis was a pretty teenager — intelligent, lively, fond of dancing. But her life was changed when, at 15, she bought a 58¢ box of slimming tablets at a chemist's. She is now in a mental hospital.

Ann, now 19, of Holyrood Avenue, South Harrow, Middlesex, should have appeared in court at Harrow. She has admitted that she stole 7s. from her younger brother.

Mrs. E. M. Byss, probation officer, told the court that Ann was having treatment, and the case was adjourned indefinitely.

The Change

Last night Ann's mother, Mrs. Katherine Curtis, said: "When Ann left school she became a hairdresser's apprentice. No-body could have called her fat, but she did have a certain amount of puppy fat. Perhaps someone teased her."

"About six months later I found out that she was taking the pills. I did not think that anything sold openly in a chemist's shop without a prescription could do any harm."

"But then I could not get her to go to work. She never seemed really awake. Her voice became coarse and her language very bad."

"She lost one job after another, and ended in a factory, from which she finally got the sack."

"She borrowed money from family and friends to buy the pills. She took money from me and stole 7s. from her brother John's money-box."

The Craving

"It was about two years before I realised it was the pills that were changing her. I tried them myself."

"At first I seemed to have tremendous energy. But later I felt depressed and craved for more pills."

"Ann is a voluntary patient in a hospital at Epsom. I hope she will stay there until she is cured, though it will take some time."

"I have written to the British Medical Association asking it to try to stop the open sale of these pills."—Express Service.

U.K. Election Rumours

London, Jan. 22. The present session of Parliament should finish its work on hand towards the middle of April, an authoritative source said today.

This news caused a revival of rumours that the Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, would call for general elections on May 14 or May 21 (elections being traditionally held on Thursday).

If he does so, Parliament would close its session a few days before the presentation of the budget at the beginning of April.

Official circles, without confirming these reports, pointed out that the way was open for elections if Mr. Macmillan so decided.

If not, the government could carry on debates on general questions to keep Parliament busy until the summer holidays.

—France-Press.

YETI EXTINCT, SAY RED SCIENTISTS

Moscow, Jan. 22. A group of Soviet scientists who returned recently from an expedition to the Pamir mountain range have concluded that the Abominable Snowman existed several generations ago, but has now completely disappeared.

Prof. V. Razek, one of the members of the expedition, said today the Soviet scientists had not succeeded in discovering any trace of the Snowman, or positive proof of its existence.

The region had reported the appearance of the Yeti at different periods, they said.

Razek said that the alleged photographs of the Yeti's footprints, scales, skin, etc., made by people who did not live in the region, were false.

The Soviet expedition went to the Pamir range last summer especially to investigate reports of the existence of the Yeti.

—France-Press.

DAME MARGOT: I HELPED REBELS



Margot Fonteyn
"I did my best."

She Started Row Over Arms Sale To Batista

By CHRISTOPHER LUCAS

New York, Jan. 22. Dame Margot Fonteyn, star of the Covent Garden Royal Ballet, admitted to me that for more than a year she had been secretly helping Cuban rebel Fidel Castro.

She was characteristically modest about what she was able to do — "just the best I could" — but close friends claim that she played a major behind-the-scenes role.

A role which, in fact, provoked the row in the House of Commons over the sale of the planes and tanks by Whitehall to the ex-dictator Batista.

Dame Margot wife of Roberto Arias, former Panamanian Ambassador in London, spoke to me from her suite in Havana's luxury Hilton Hotel.

"Several of the people running the Cuban revolution were contemporaries and friends of my husband. It was natural that I should help."

Dinner Parties

"We looked after many of the people now in the revolutionary Government when they were in London."

HOW DID SHE OPERATE? "Several months ago," she said, "I started breaking the news gently to people in London that the Cuban revolution was serious."

"At the time of the row in the House of Commons Castro's representative Dr. Piedra, came to London. My husband was away, so I looked after him and introduced him around."

"I invited several influential people to dinner and got things started."

"It didn't really amount to anything much."

'More Serious'

Diplomat Arias took up the story. "Friends of friends over here wrote and told us what was going on in Cuba," he said.

"I got a pretty clear picture of what was happening and it seemed to both of us that the British Government was underestimating the situation, and that it was far more serious than was apparent."

"We were able to tell one or two people informally what we knew. Again it was a case of 'friends of friends' — they put forward our views and urged that arms should not be sent to Batista."

Rebel Thanks

News of the efforts of Roberto and his wife to help the rebels soon reached the headquarters of Fidel Castro, fighting his way across the island.

"Friends of ours here invited us to come to Cuba," said Dr. Arias, "and we were invited to stay at the Hilton Hotel here in Havana as the guests of the Government."

"Yesterday we were asked to meet provisional President Urrutia and Fidel Castro. They thanked me for all I had tried to do."

Postscript from Dame Margot: "Please don't turn me into another Errol Flynn. I'm no heroine!"

Jeering Crowd At "War Crimes" Trial

Havana, Jan. 22. The first of more than 600 members of the deposed dictator Fulgencio Batista's army and secret police charged with "war crimes" went on trial for his life in Havana's "Sports City" coliseum today before a roaring, jeering crowd of 30,000 people.

The first defendant in the revolutionary trials ordered by Fidel Castro was Major Jesus Sosa Blanco, accused of confessing more than 108 murders and defying his accusers by declaring: "I would do it again under the same circumstances."

The huge coliseum was packed to twice its 15,000-seat capacity and thousands of other Cubans milled through the streets outside.

Those attending the trials included an estimated 350 American and other foreign newsmen from a dozen Western hemisphere nations.

The trial was televised throughout the country and re-broadcast on newscasts.

"That's A Lie"

Sosa Blanco stood handcuffed in prisoner's garb before the revolutionary tribunal and the jeering spectators and denied every charge against him.

To the evidence of every witness who testified against him he replied, "That's a lie."

At one point Sosa Blanco asked the massed thousands for silence, saying, "I'm not listening to you."

He said: "I'm not here to justify myself or ask for clemency. I do not know whether I am on trial in the Roman Coliseum or whether I am standing before our Lord Jesus Christ. I have nothing to say except that I only carried out orders. I am a man of honour."

At his last remark the crowd broke into even wilder shouts and jeers, until the Tribunal President, Humberto Sorí Marín, threatened to have demonstrators thrown out of the Coliseum.

Among other crimes, Sosa Blanco was accused of leaving a man tied in a burning house so that he was cremated, and of executing 11 mine workers during the two-year war against Castro's forces. — U.P.I.

Flood In U.S.

Chicago, Jan. 22. Flash floods powered by the west winds of the winter swept through a score of Pennsylvania towns today and kept more than 10,000 persons homeless in Ohio. — U.P.I.

DEMONSTRATORS TELL OF ORDEAL IN GAOL

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Jan. 22.

Two anti-rocket demonstrators who were freed from gaol recently told me how they were forcibly fed six times in eight days.

Philip Cook, 22, of Walthamstow, E., said: "They began force-feeding us after five days."

"It was unpleasant. We sat in a dentist's chair in the prison doctor's office. We refused to open our mouths so an instrument like tongs was put between our teeth to force them open."

"A 2½-inch rubber tube was put down our throats and a pint of milk, meat extract and bicarbonate poured in. Several times my stomach refused to hold it."

"One of my teeth was bent and had to be taken out, but on the whole they were good to us."

Water

John Otter, 28-year-old former undergraduate of Harston, Cambridge, told me: "We drank only water."

"They put a pint of milk in our cell every day, but we used it to wash in."

"I am an Anglo-Catholic, so fasting was easy for me. I've fasted for 40 days without trouble."

"Until they became too weak for work they were breaking up gas masks."

"We heard that the rubber was being melted down and used for Army vehicle tyres, so Cook went to the governor and said we couldn't agree to that," said Otter. "The governor told us the story was bunkum."

Otter and Cook, both bearded, were freed from Norwich Prison after serving 13 days for failing to undertake to keep the peace.

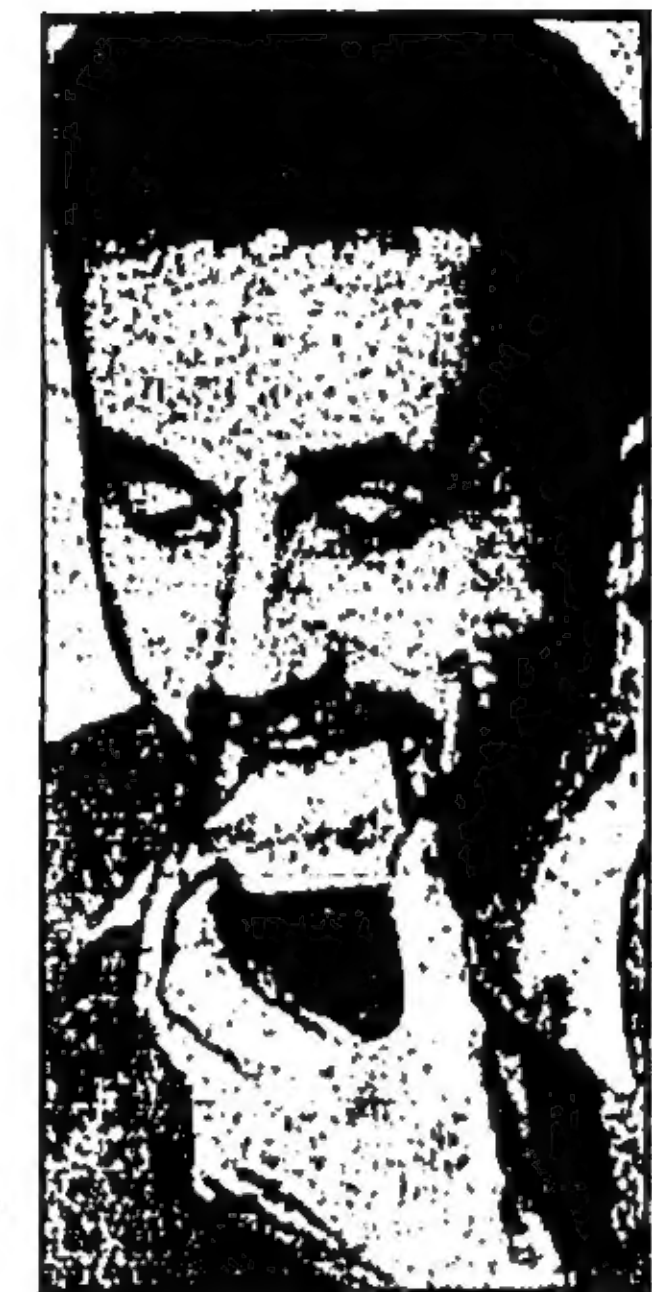
The two each lost about 7lb. during the hunger strike.

With 5s. 4d. in their pockets — their 3d-a-day prison wages, plus allowances — they immediately hitched a lift back to Watton.

On Parade

Said Otter: "We must show that, in spite of all we've been through we're not prepared to give up. We'll be in on future demonstrations."

Four hours after being discharged they were back outside a rocket site near Watton, Norfolk.



First meal for 13 days: John Otter enjoys his toast

For half an hour they paraded outside an unguarded entrance carrying a yellow placard bearing the message: "War... We say no."

A resident phoned the Air Force base and a R.A.F. policeman broke up the demonstration.

Cook lowered the banner and told me: "I don't enjoy doing this, but I feel I've got to. I'm prepared to go to prison for another six months if need be."

Windsor Castle Gardens Flooded

London, Jan. 22. More than an inch and a half of rain in the last five days has brought flood waters into the gardens of Windsor Castle and turned the playing fields of Eton into a lonely stretch of water. — U.P.I.

Pope's Legate

Vatican City, Jan. 22. Pope John has named Armenian Cardinal Gregory Peter Agagianian, Proprietor of the Vatican's Missionary Congregation for Propagation of the Faith, to be his legate to the National Marian Congress at Saigon next month. It was announced today. — Reuters.

Girls Picket Hotel



Miss April Carter (left), secretary of the Direct Action Committee Against Nuclear War, and Miss Pat Arrowsmith, the field organizer, parade with a slogan board outside the Great Western Hotel, Paddington, London. They were trying to dissuade applicants for technical and scientific posts at Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Research Establishment who were being interviewed at the hotel. — Reuters photo.

"Anti-Devil" Salt Death: Woman Gaoled

Le Mans, Jan. 22. A French farmer's wife was gaoled for five years today for the manslaughter of her 18-year-old brother when she was trying to force him to eat "anti-devil" salt.

A jury at the "sorcerey" murder trial here found that Mrs. Ida Guillonnet, 32, had forced her brother Marcel's head into a basin of rough firm livestock salt — but without intent to kill.

Marcel died from strangulation and Mrs. Guillonnet was charged with murder. The jury threw out this charge.

The prosecution told the court that a local "sorcerer" had made incantations over the salt designed to lift the "evil eye" from the farm.

Evil Eye

Police said Mrs. Guillonnet had forced her 58-year-old widowed mother, Madame Weirle, her four-year-old son and her husband to eat the "anti-devil" salt, after a series of misfortunes in December, 1957.

They said she believed an "evil eye" had been cast on the farm since seven years earlier, a close relative was killed to death by a horse.

Marcel, celebrating his 18th birthday, refused to eat the salt.

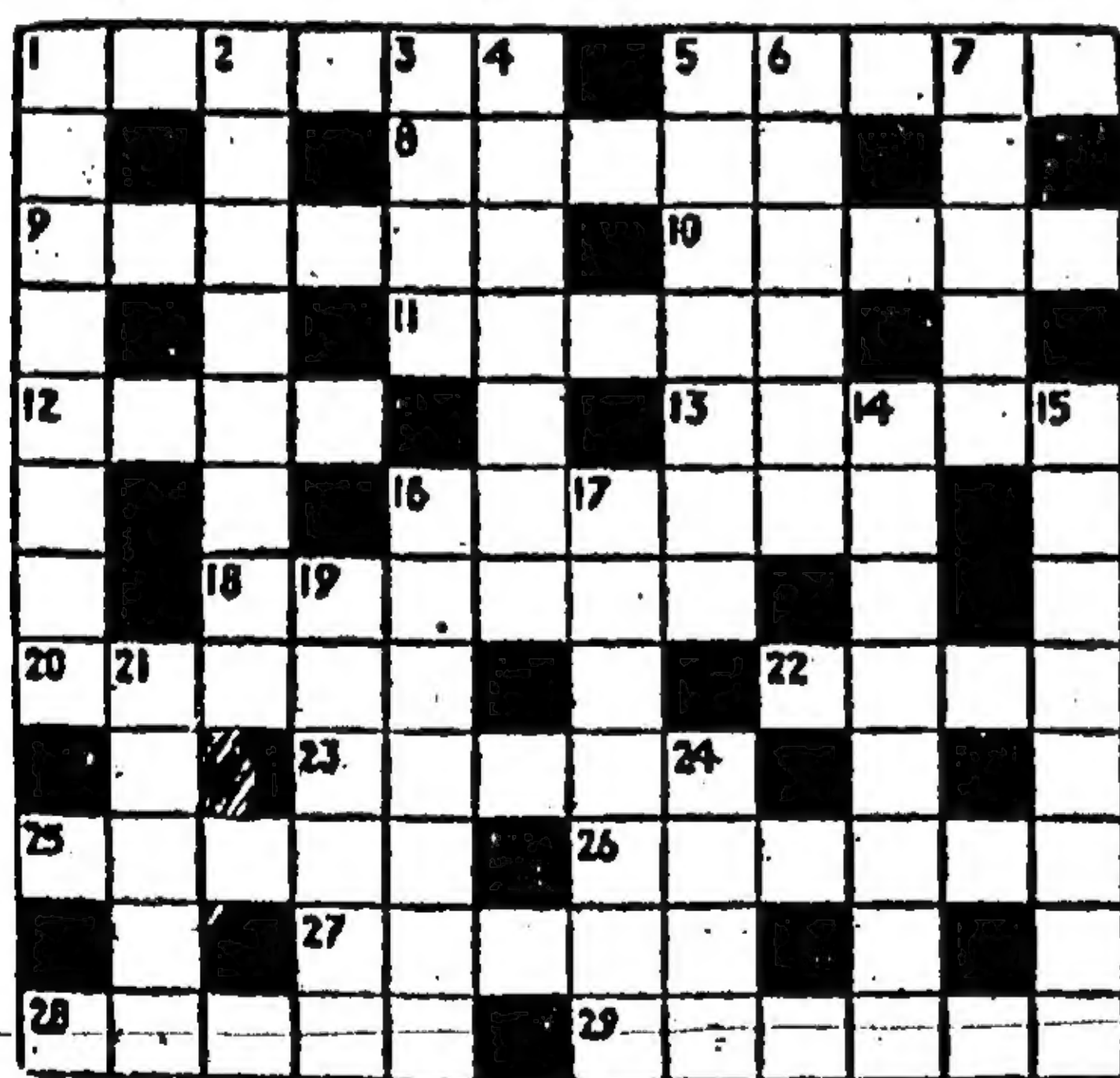
His sister then grabbed him by the neck, forced his head into the basin, crushing his neck against the rim and shouting "the devil is here... he'll get us... scare him off with salt." — Reuters.

W.H. Auden Honoured

New York, Jan. 22. Mr. W. H. Auden, British born poet and Oxford University's Professor of Poetry, tonight received the Poetry Society of America's highest award for 1958.

Mr. Auden, who has been an American citizen since 1946, was presented with the Alexander Drouzkoy Memorial Award, the Society's gold medal for distinguished service to poetry at the group's annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. — Reuters.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Like a fairy (6).
2 Ex-emptors (5).
3 Hiding-places of discomfort to many (5).
4 Copying paper (6).
5 Some details (5).
6 It can be both eaten and drunk (5).
7 Serpentine resort (4).
8 Adolescent ages (6).
9 Stripped down, so to speak (6).
10 Its mountains go down to the sea (6).
11 He's embraced by Irish (6).
12 Away off (4).
13 Beest of burden (5).
14 Drop of music (6).
15 Bring to light (6).
16 They're proverbially hard (5).
17 Act as a ruler (5).
18 So accustomed to be pickled (6).

DOWN
1 Its shell may be used for cooking (8).
2 A coal gas (6).
3 Great man? (4).
4 German city almost having alcoholic remission (7).
5 This is the head of a famous emblem (7).
6 Seat placed on part of a golf-course (6).
7 Nose classification (5).
8 Perhaps important structures (8).
9 Dashing (8).
10 Special coach (7).
11 Coats which could be almost nuptial (7).
12 Adding the wheels of progress? (8).
13 Join one letter (5).
14 This ran without success (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. Across: 1 Hit out, 5 Sifts, 8 Sort, 9 Buzzer, 11 Olive, 12 Shrimp, 14 Hope, 16 Erase, 18 Brawl, 19 Troy, 20 Astron, 24 Genius, 25 Undies, 26 Kart, 27 Dated, 28 Heckle, 29 News, 30 Mac, 31 Box, 32 Usan, 33 Cories, 34 Bopper, 35 Fairway, 36 Blag-pen, 37 Thrown, 38 Oblige, 39 Helms, 40 Wrecker, 41 Round, 42 Thrust, 43 Axis, 44 Tilt, 45 Yaw.

COVER YOUR EARS!

—or the Conversing Travellers will get you

HOW are your ear lobes? Are they appealing pink pendants glowing with your warm, chatty, generous personality? Or do they sit, close and taciturn, to your unfriendly, unprepared-to-listen ears?

Either way they're a dead giveaway to the eager members of a year-old association called The Conversing Travellers' Association.

They are about 300 men and 100 women who want to get you chatting in the railway carriages and buses where Britons are traditionally supposed to be at their most silent.

And their founder, Mr. Francis Gullick, has this clever method of finding out whether he's got into a carriage of purposely silent people, or just shyly silent ones.

"I quickly read the ear lobes of my fellow travellers like this," he peered forward, scanning imaginary ears, then sat back to calculate.

"Three nice ones and two bad ones," he concluded—meaning there were three people in the carriage with their ear lobes dangling and two with them tucked up.

"Then I pick the nicest of the nice ones and say 'Possibly you have seen this badge. If you haven't can I bore you for exactly three minutes, and no longer!'"

Mr. Gullick then brandished a lapel in which gleamed a modest navy blue and white badge with the initials C.T.A. on it.

A choice

Any normal lobe-endowed fellow passenger, who according to Mr. Gullick's theory has been privately asked to have a chat in any case, will thereupon find himself in the rich full world of Mr. Gullick's conversation. Or if he prefers, in the attentive sympathy, confidential of Mr. Gullick's listening powers. (For members of the association are supposed to listen as well as converse.)

Other lobe-spotters join in and British Railways can do their worst in the way of hold-ups, delays and cold carriages—they've got their lobes to keep them warm and chatting.

Did I pass the lobe test, I wondered, too shy to put my hand up to my ear and find out. Mr. Gullick reassured me. "Your ears are all right. Not the generous ears of a fool or the selfish one of a miser."

"What happens when the right sort of lobes belong to a pretty girl?" I asked. "Doesn't she rather suspect your motives?"

A gracious welcome to your guests

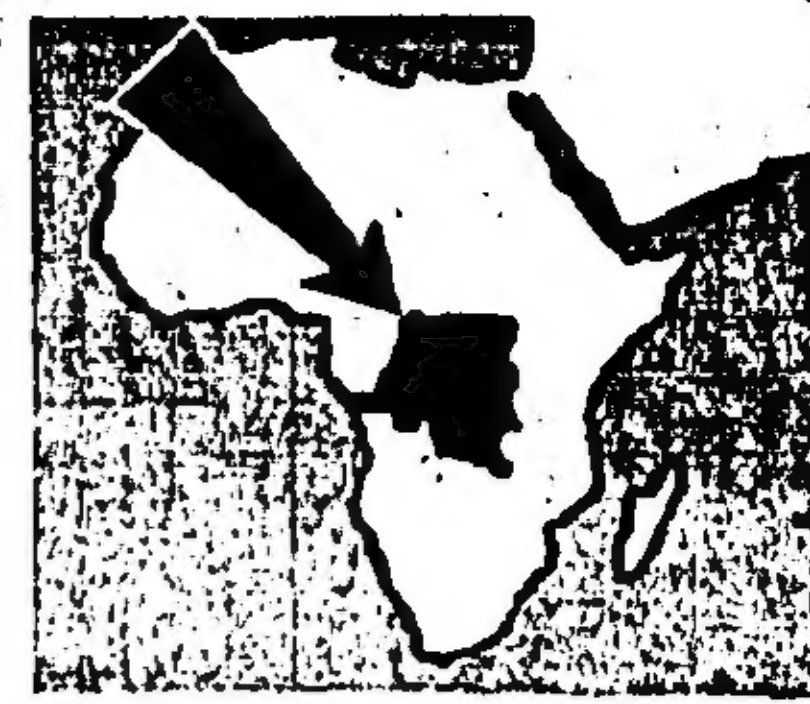


More & more people are drinking DRY FLY SHERRY

A city of skyscrapers lies dying on the Congo banks

BRIAN GARDNER

sends this report on the Belgian Congo, one of the world's strangest territories. Ten years ago its capital, Leopoldville, was one of the world's great boom cities. Now it is falling into the grip of a sinister, eerie emptiness.



I wondered if Leo would one day be one of those ruined cities that startled explorers stumble across in the undergrowth.

Next day we saw the signs. The most famous place in Leo is the monument to the explorer Stanley, which looks down from a hill on to the great city below.

Beyond the city lie the hills and the forest of Africa. Stanley was the first white man to pass this way, and at Leo he set up one of his main camps.

Then we saw the native quarter. This is an immense settlement of long dust tracks and tiny shacks, made of anything handy. It is all arranged in neat blocks. As shanty towns go, it was extremely orderly. But the natives here drink up to 70 per cent of their incomes—as high as anywhere in the world. I was not surprised.

"Of course, there is much unemployment here now," said my friend. "The people are becoming restless."

'NONSENSE'

"Of course," I said. "But the police are everywhere."

Indeed they were. They career through the streets of the native quarter, two or three to a Jeep, in white helmets and blue uniforms. Long truncheons dangle from their wrists.

After dark, Africans are not allowed in the European city of Leo without a permit.

"That is to be the governor's palace," we were passing a huge half-built building, already larger than Buckingham Palace. I knew that an African assembly of sorts was now allowed to meet somewhere in Leo, and I asked to see it.

"I am sorry, but I'm afraid I don't know where it is. I believe they hold their meetings in the gymnasium of some school."

My friend dropped me back in the Boulevard Albert. As I said before, there are 10,000 whites in the city, and 350,000 black people. The whites appear to be living on a kind of dynamite—I am glad I am not one of them.

I went into a little bar, made up to look like somewhere in Brussels. Empty, of course. I got talking to the proprietor.

"In Brussels they say we look under our beds at night, and look our doors," he said. "It's nonsense. I go down to the native town to do my shopping. I feel O.K. I never look my door."

I did not believe him. —(London Express Service).

THE little steamer chugged up the Congo. The great river, a mile across, flowed steadily past. I was on my way to Leopoldville, capital of the Belgian Congo, and scene recently of bloody riots, in which 71 Africans were killed.

I sat back on the bench beneath the funnel, amazed at the sight before me. On the far bank of the river was an incredible panorama of skyscrapers. They pointed to the equatorial sky like a mirage of some great American city.

It was incredible because even in 1950 it is not the sort of thing one expects on the edge of the jungle, 150 miles up the Congo.

As we got closer, I saw the great array of cranes and steamers drawn up beside the quay. These tall, white boats, like houses on ferries, reminded me of the Mississippi, puffing their way to Stanleyville, 1,000 miles up river. The journey, one of the last great river trips left in the world, takes a week.

At the immigration centre on shore, in the shadow of the skyscrapers towering above, I waited in a hut.

I was a little apprehensive. I had no visa, and even the three photographs I had been told to get in London.

I was entering into what is said to be one of the most notorious police States in the world, and I had been told throughout West Africa that newspapermen were not welcome in the Congo.

NO TROUBLE

A Belgian official, sweating in a khaki uniform, walked in. He took my passport, lazily applied a rubber stamp, and handed it back.

"There we are, monsieur," he said. I swear he never looked at me once during the whole operation.

The Belgian Congo is the only country I know to get into for whites.

The original owner of the Congo was Leopold II, who had

£1,000 million a year (in Kenya, for instance, they were about £20,000,000 at this time). But uranium is not essential for hydrogen bombs. The good times are over for the Congo.

Now that Africa is in ferment, and the days of European rule in that continent seem numbered, I went to the Congo to see what was happening there. I drove through the streets of the fantastic city of Leopoldville.

Wide boulevards stretched away for as far as the eye could see. Skyscrapers, modern office blocks, and hotels lined the streets of the city centre.

Further out, in the spacious suburbs, which seemed to stretch for ever, were some of the most colossal blocks of flats I have ever seen.

THE RICHEST

News of this leaked out to the world, and because of the international outcry, the Belgian Government was forced in 1908 to take the Congo from Leopold—much against its will, as the effort to get the rubber hardly seemed worth it.

For 40 years the world heard little of the Belgian Congo. Then in 1945 an atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. For atomic bombs you need uranium.

And where did the uranium come from? From the Belgian Congo. Belgium suddenly became one of the richest countries in the world. While other European cities struggled to shake off the after-effects of the war, Brussels was basking in prosperity. The exports of the Congo were

riding crops. Men lead huge mastiffs before them.

Yet there was something very strange about Leo.

The place—huge, white, and spotless—was almost deserted. Apart from the occasional Belgian, there was no one to see. The shops, always with white attendants (reading books), were empty. There were large posters advertising vacant shops, offices, and industrial sites.

EMPTY SHELL

There was not an African in sight.

It is not easy finding anyone in Leo who is willing to talk about anything apart from the weather. They look over their shoulders at the mention of politics. And, unfortunately, the weather is always the same. Hot.

Eventually, in the restaurant of the Palace Hotel, I met a Belgian who was shortly going home after many years in Leo.

"There is no secret about this place," he said. "It is quite simple. There are 10,000 whites here and 350,000 natives. The whites live in a city almost the size of Paris. The Africans live in a sort of camp outside. Tomorrow we shall go to see it."

A trio were playing some main court music. This was the only white band I had seen playing in Africa. A woman was passionately playing a violin.

FASHIONABLE

Air-conditioned shops, with goods direct from Paris, Brussels, London, and New York, sold everything that money could buy.

The Belgians are a solid, comfort-loving people. There are very few foreigners in Leo, as it is called by the inhabitants—nearly all are Belgians. The women stroll down the fashionable Boulevard Albert in breeches, flicking their

...AND THE CARAVELLE IS THEIR NEW STAR AIRCRAFT

A Silent Giant With A Sting In Its Tail

By JAMES STUART

THIS summer Britain and France celebrate the golden jubilee of the first cross-Channel flight by Frenchman Louis Blériot. It was a feat that shook Edwardian Britain.

And in this jubilee year—only a few months from now—a new airplane from across the Channel, first of the jet age airliners on the European routes is going to give Britain another shake-up.

Its name? The Caravelle. With this airplane from the Sud-Aviation works, France's nationalised aircraft industry is about to jump into the lead on the vast air network in Europe, and over the Continental boundaries into Asia and North Africa.

Hard fight

This lead will be held until British European Airways gets Comet 4B's on the longer Continental routes next year. Even then, only six Comets will be matched in the speed race against two large fleets of Caravelles.

For sheer speed BEA faces a hard fight until it receives the new 600 m.p.h. D.H. 121 jets in a few years' time.

But if the Caravelle takes any traffic from British airlines, until we can fly our own European—service jets, the British aircraft industry at least has done well out of the French airliner.

The Sud-Aviation concern is France's biggest manufacturer. But 14 British firms have helped to make the Caravelle.

Chief among its British equipment are the two Rolls-Royce Avon jet engines, the same as in the Comet—except that the British airliner has four.

The nose of the airliner is more or less identical with the Comet's. But there the similarity ends. The Caravelle is the first of the

new-style jet airliners with engines mounted at the rear of the fuselage.

In the early days of flying we used to see airplanes with "pusher" type aircrews mounted behind the wings.

Now that the modern airliner gets its drive by the hammer-force thrust of the jet, designers are agreed that the logical place for this "push" is as far towards the back of the aircraft as possible.

The advantages are clear. From the passenger's point of view, jet noise is reduced to the absolute minimum, and the Caravelle is probably the quietest airliner of all to ride in. It is so quiet that on many demonstration flights music has been played in the cabin, and enjoyed by the passengers.

Technically, the engine-at-the-back design gives a faster airplane. The Caravelle's engine, less wings are knife-edged and able to cut through the air more easily.

Faster

Thus the 70-passenger airliner (it could take more) cruises at 515 m.p.h. with only two jet engines. The bigger and heavier European Comet needs four Avons to drive it at 532 m.p.h. Our D.H. 121, and the big inter-Continental Vickers VC.10 for BOAC's future operations, will use this style.

Two of Europe's major airlines, Scandinavian Airlines System and Air France, are to use Caravelles soon. SAS is to use them first on the routes linking the Scandinavian capitals with the Middle East. Starting date for SAS is to be announced at a party in London

by Mr. Vagn Christensen, the airline's general manager in Britain.

Next year SAS will get new American DC-8 long-range airliners to speed up its California-Europe-Japan route over the North Pole. The airline, operated jointly by Denmark, Sweden and Norway, is combining the Caravelle and DC-8 with new U.S. Convair 440's into an all-jet fleet for short, medium and long-range flights.

With 16 Caravelles expected before the end of this year flights from London Airport to Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo will soon be greatly speeded-up.

London-Copenhagen by Caravelle will take just over an hour.

Air France's service from London to Nice, probably start-

ing in July, will take only one hour 55 minutes.

Sud-Aviation has been making a big sales drive with the Caravelle. Others have been ordered for Algeria and Morocco, Brazil and Finland.

TV IN THE AIR

TV is the newest thing being considered for airline passengers. The jet age, with almost silent passenger cabins, can usher in entertainment for travellers as they fly seven or eight miles above the earth.

Music in the air has been tried out successfully, and soon passengers are expected to be able to keep in touch with their business affairs on the ground by making telephone calls from their 500 m.p.h. jet airliner.

ROUND-UP

COLOURS REPAIRED BY NUNS

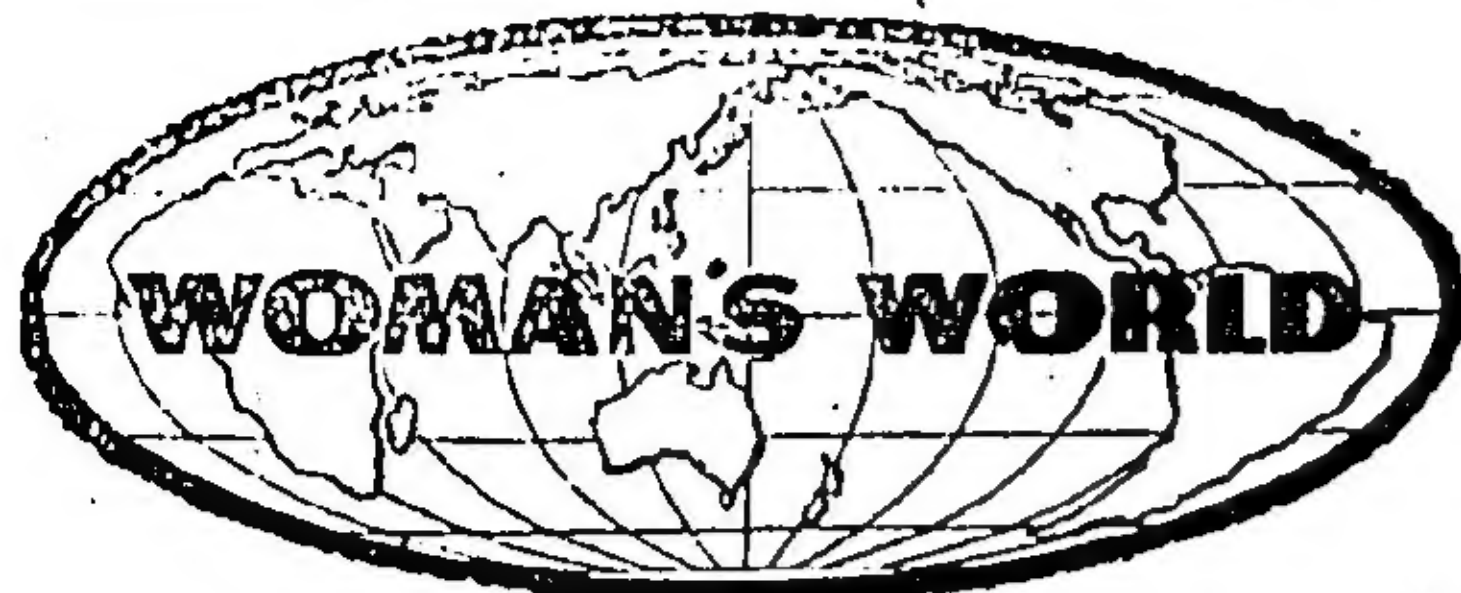
COLOURS of the 2nd Battalion The Green Howards are again being repaired by nuns of Middlesbrough, Yorkshire. They repaired the colours six years ago in readiness for the Coronation parade. The Battalion was disbanded a few years ago and the Colours, presented to the Battalion in 1909 by Queen Alexandra, are expected to be laid up or transferred to the headquarters of the new Yorkshire Brigade at Sirenall.

EX-W.R.A.F. OFFICER SAILS ATLANTIC

SAILING to Australia in a 39-footer yacht with her husband is Mrs. Murray Davis, formerly Women's Royal Air Force Officer Barbara Keefe who was Assistant Adjutant of the 2nd Tactical Air Force at Muenchen Gladbach. Her husband, an Australian, was an Air Ministry Information Officer there. The voyage began on the canal through France to the Mediterranean and on to Gibraltar and the Canary Isles. They have now crossed the Atlantic and reached Barbados.



WOMANSENSE



ACCESSORIES FROM ITALY

Florence, Italy, has produced many new ideas for what to wear with the Italian Spring and Summer high fashions.

Ennio Perini of Florence has made imaginative use of the Tescan straw belt and has introduced several new models to go with straw boaters.

He gives them a new, like-looking straw ribbon and large, ornate, and puts his ribboning under the brims. Some of his boaters also have thin, thickly ruffled with half-inch straw ribbon.

Perini has also introduced a new type of wicker-basket hat with a low domed crown and

a bulbous brim. In appearance it is not unlike a lampshade and is surprisingly light and becoming to wear.

Straw coolie sandals are just the thing to wear with Kimono touch wraps and Japanese obel-belted summer dresses. To go with them there are straw wigs with partings, curls and long plaits.

Luciana, Queen of Italian costume jewellery, says that chokers are the high neck fashion for the coming season. They are mostly strung with pearls and coral in uneven lines.

By Jenny Nicolson

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

BORN today you seriously need to take the advice that a rolling stone gathers little more. You like to be on the go all the time and this means constant travelling about the world. You have a real case of gipsy foot and, if you are wise, you will select your shoes with care. You are continually on the move. Either work for yourself or in a travelling job for someone else. You would probably do well in selling, reporting or in fact—in any work which requires you to meet people.

You have a good head for business and you are likely to be one of those who can be fun. You might find that civil engineering, which will take you on different jobs all over the world, is something you would do well in. As recreation you enjoy all kinds

of parties, cryptograms—anything that permits the exercise of your mind. You may well probably be a chess player. You are also a natural money-lover and will, as the saying goes, never die poor!

Although you members of the fair sex are less inclined in this direction, you will find that you enjoy travelling and meeting people. You like being out on the town and the automatic timer to come into action at 7 p.m. at 300 degrees Fahrenheit, and leave it to heat through and be ready at 8 o'clock.

Among those born on this date are: William Joyce, painter; Holbrook Wilton, actor; Frederick J. Fox, archaeologist; and explorer; George McManus, cartoonist; Richard Alsop, poet and satirist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Your best day of the week. Get in there, plucking and make up for any lost time now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Home duties may need your personal attention. Solve problems with ease at this time.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you need new furniture for the house, read the special advertisement. Spend that Christmas cheque!

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—You have earned the right to a day of recreation. Get a little interesting romance into your life.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Enjoy domestic life at home with the family and the children today and tomorrow.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If your spirit needs pepping up, have the new permanent and buy that new hat!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A change of pace could do you a lot of good today. Outdoors sports, if the weather is fair!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Catch up on jobs around the house you have been promising yourself to get done.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A sea trip might be beneficial, so make your plans for it now. Going south, perhaps?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Settle any legal matter efficiently and to your advantage now. Waste no more time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 23)—There are times when it is necessary to ask for expert advice. This may be one of them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you have unused furniture or clothes, see that someone who needs them gets them now.

East and West vulnerable

South West North East
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
Opening lead—♠ 3

ley took her ace and led the three spot right back. Bill won with the king and led a second trump. He was sure that Shirley's heart play showed four hearts—not two or three.

South took his two top trumps and now had to break one of the minor suits. He chose to lead the king of diamonds. Bill won the ace and now made another fine play. He underled his ace of clubs. Shirley played the ten and South won with the jack.

A club was led back and Bill let Shirley make her king. She led a third club and Bill finally took his ace and led out the last club.

Now declarer had lost two more tricks and was down one.

♥ ♦ ♣ ♠ **Card Sense** ♠ ♠ ♠ ♠

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 1 ♠ 1 ♠

You, South, hold:
♠ K 10 3 ♥ 3 2 ♦ A 8 7 ♣ K Q 9 8 5
What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. Your partner has forced and while your hand is minimum you do have reasonable spade support.

• TODAY'S QUESTION
Your partner continues with a bid of three clubs. What do you do now?

ANSWERS: Tomorrow

Introducing

TAKE-IT-EASY COOKS

by Helen Burke



Busy Audrey finds planning works

Prepare the night before—that's the way of entertaining 'without tears'

THERE are good cooks who, because they plan well and take things in easy stages, appear to be lazy and are sometimes suspected of having had the lot delivered by some cook-fairy around the corner.

Such a girl is Audrey Chapman, a young Australian writer, who is married and living here. She told me how she entertains "without tears" and at the same time does a job which keeps her at the office until fairly late.

"I accept the limitations of one who has two jobs to do," she said. "My dinner parties have to be fun for me as well as my guests. Otherwise, I wouldn't give them!"

A Casserole

THE night before I prepare as much as possible. It generally means a casserole for the main dish and a souffe which I can make up to the point where the egg whites go in.

"There always has to be one 'dazzle' dish and two no-fuss ones. No soup, no cooked vegetables, but a crisp green salad."

"To begin with, a very good pate—either a rich duck or something less expensive, depending on the funds."

"I like a casserole for entertaining, because I can finish it the evening before, put it in my oven cold next morning, set the automatic timer to come into action at 7 p.m. at 300 degrees Fahrenheit, and leave it to heat through and be ready at 8 o'clock."

Two Chickens

FOR the Coq au Vin we decided that, for six persons, two spring chickens of about 2½ lb. each would be better than one large one. They take less time to cook and there would be some left over for a meal next day.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Blinkie Cleans House

—He Has To Keep Watching Out For His Friends—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, came into the room and sat down beside his sister Hanid.

"Where have you been all morning?" Hanid asked him. "You're all covered with dust. There's a big smudge of dirt on your nose."

"I was helping Blinkie Mole do his winter housecleaning," Knarf said.

Puzzled Expression

Hanid, who had been sewing a button on her coat, looked up with a puzzled expression.

"Winter housecleaning? There is no such thing, Knarf! I mean there's spring housecleaning but not winter housecleaning."

But Knarf said that there was winter housecleaning all right and he had been helping Blinkie Mole do it.

"Blinkie cleans his house from bottom to top every winter and he does it to keep things from collecting in the corners and under the rugs and behind the furniture."

"Things?" asked Hanid. "What kind of things?"

"Things like Frogs and Toads and Snails and Grasshoppers," said Knarf.

Cleaning His Vacuum

"I found Blinkie standing in his back door, right behind the stump of the apple tree, cleaning out his vacuum cleaner. He said good morning to him. Then he told me that he was doing his winter housecleaning and his getting ready to clean up his house before the weather turned real cold. I said I would be glad to help him sweep and dust and use the vacuum cleaner and he said he'd be very happy if I did this."

"So," continued Knarf, "I went downstairs with Blinkie. He gave me the vacuum cleaner to use on the rugs in his big rooms."

"He sure got in all the corners," he told me "and behind all the furniture."

"I started moving the vacuum cleaner up and down while Blinkie polished under the rugs and behind all the chairs and tables and bookshelves."

"Come out of there!" he kept saying. "Come out of there!"



Blinkie said he'd be glad to have Knarf help him vacuum.

before you get sucked up in Knarf's vacuum cleaner!"

"Well," said Knarf, "Blinkie and I found Willy Toad, Glive the Snail, Blackie Beetle and about fifteen or twenty Bugs and Grasshoppers and Butterflies and Bumble Bees."

"What were they all doing there?" Hanid asked.

Nice And Warm

Knarf laughed. "They were trying to hide down in Blinkie's place. They were hoping he wouldn't find them before he locked up his house for the winter. It was nice and warm down in Blinkie's house. They wanted to spend the winter there and not have to stay outside in the rain and the snow."

"Oh dear," said Hanid. "I hope Blinkie didn't make them all leave."

"He didn't," said Knarf. "He put them all in different rooms in his house."

"I just didn't want any of you sucked up in the vacuum cleaner," Blinkie said to them. "You're all welcome to stay here until the spring comes back again."

"And that," said Knarf, "is how Blinkie Mole did his winter housecleaning!"

Rupert and the Secret Boat—13



"The Professor guides Rupert and Gregory to the part of the shore where his servant is waiting. 'I've told nobody, as yet, what we're doing,' he says, 'but these young people have accidentally found me and it would stop their curiosity if we showed them.'"

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Take-it-easy cook Audrey transfers the chicken to the casserole.

Simmering

When the chicken pieces were browned all over, we transferred them to the casserole. I then added two tablespoons of brandy to a warmed soup ladle, waited a moment until the brandy warmed a little, and then set it alight. I poured the lit brandy over the chicken and doused the flames with a good half bottle of inexpensive Beaujolais.

A bouquet of a bay leaf, a stripped stalk thyme and four sprays of parsley, tied together with a thread long enough to overhang the edge of the casserole so that it can be lifted

out easily at the end of cooking, were added.

Then came the giblets, which had been gently simmering, and half their stock. A piece of buttered greaseproof paper was placed on the chicken, the lid put on and the "pot" left gently simmering.

We added a nut of butter to the frying-pan in which we fried the chicken and slowly browned 24 peeled, small, whole onions in it. I also sprinkled a level teaspoon of sugar over the bottom of the pan. This softens the flavour and makes the colour of your sauce a little warmer.

After we added the onions to the casserole I asked Audrey if she would like the sauce a little thicker.

24 Mushrooms

SHE decided that she would, so I worked a small teaspoon of flour into the frying-pan and cooked it for a minute. Then I added a little of the strained stock from the chicken and rubbed it round with my wide, flat-sided wooden spatula to get off the delicious residue.

Finally, we cooked 24 small, washed, unpeeled mushrooms for a minute in a little butter and added them to the casserole. At this stage, too, we tested the sauce and added further seasoning. In 1½ hours the dish was ready to be heated through next day.

NEXT came the "dazzle" dish. Here are the ingredients: 8oz. smooth, dark, unsweetened chocolate, six eggs, 6oz. butter, 6oz. sugar, two tablespoons black coffee, two tablespoons rum, one tablespoon water.

Melt the chocolate with the butter, coffee, rum and water over a low heat. Beat the egg yolks and sugar until creamy, and gradually incorporate them into the chocolate mixture. Cover and leave until next evening.

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When I come down - I will whip the egg whites for the souffe. When they are at the

peak stage I whip the chocolate mixture and fold them into it. "I have ready a well-buttered souffe dish which I half-fill with the mixture, cover with foil, and steam it for 45 minutes."

"By this time my guests have arrived and I have had 10 minutes with them."

Salad Recipe

HERE is the recipe for the salad dressing which I gave Audrey. For six servings, start with a level teaspoon of made mustard (French is ideal). Add salt and freshly milled pepper to taste, then gradually add olive oil, almost drop by drop, while stirring briskly.

When it is very thick, add a few drops of lemon juice or tarragon vinegar, stirring all the time. Repeat the oil and lemon juice or vinegar until you have enough dressing for six. Store in a jar and, just before serving, give it a shake.

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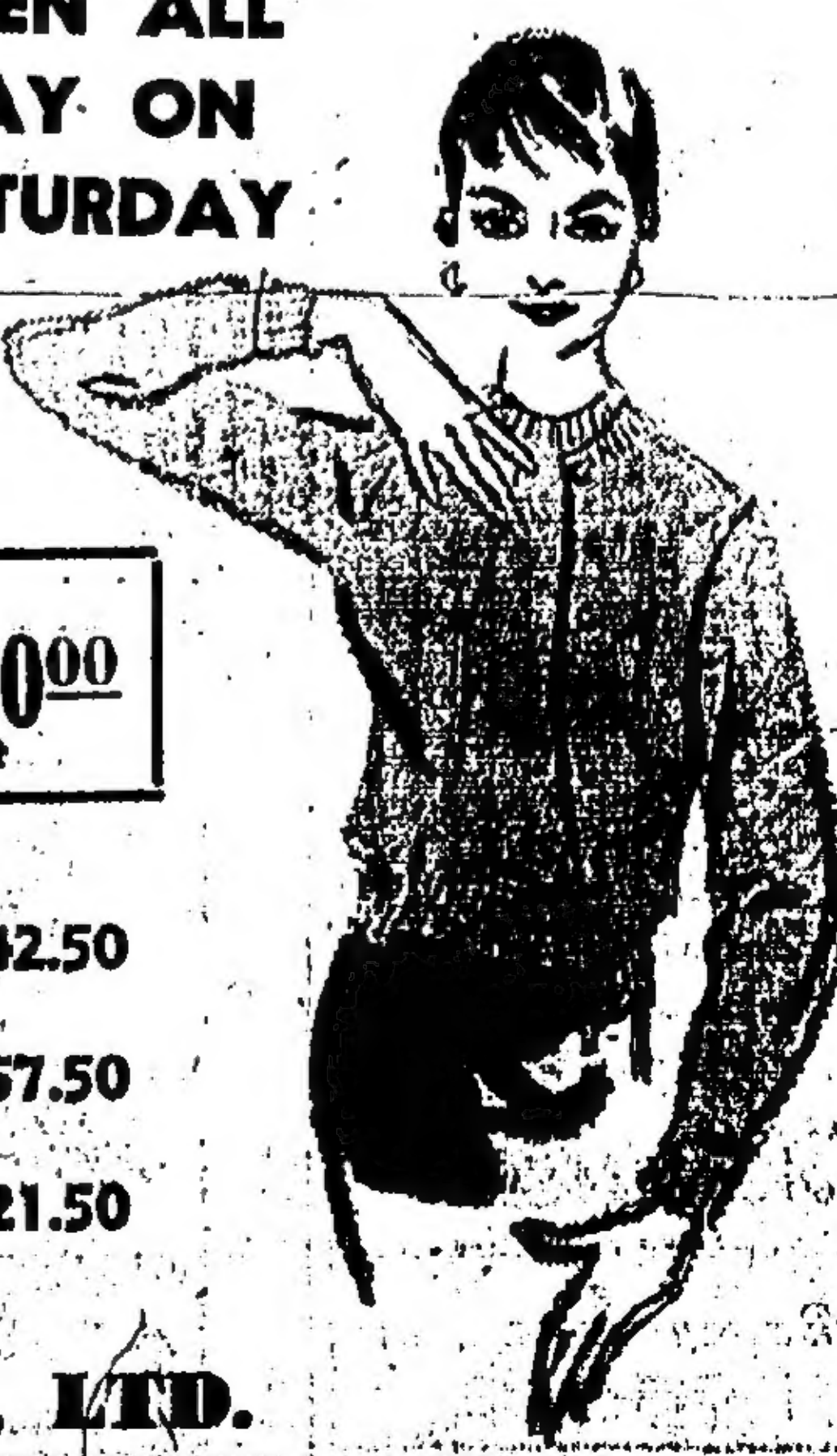
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THE LATE MIKE HAWTHORN

Criticised At Home For Driving A Foreign Car But Cheered Abroad As A Champion

London, Jan. 22.

Good-looking, fair-haired six feet tall John Michael Hawthorn, the reigning world champion racing driver who was killed in a road accident near here today, was known to racing fans as "Mike".

He was an unknown when he jumped into the headlines of nearly every newspaper when at the Goodwood Easter Monday Meeting in 1952, he beat the great Argentine ace Juan Fangio as well as experienced British drivers like Eric Brandon and Alan Brown.

It was Mike's father, York-shireman Leslie Hawthorn, who taught him to drive and he won his first motorcycle trial cup when he was 18.

Mike Hawthorn, like Stirling Moss, was one of the bright young hopes of postwar British motor racing.

The careers of the two, in fact, were strangely parallel. Both were born in 1929, both went to public schools, both had understanding fathers who had known the thrill of the sport—and both developed into formidable glants of the race track.

But Hawthorn had more than his share of bad luck.

First Taste

His father bought him his first motorcycle in 1936, a 250cc Triumph when he was still at school. Afterwards he rode a 250cc Triumph to and from his work as an apprentice with an engineering firm in Guildford.

His first taste of motor racing came with that Novice win on a 350cc B.S.A. in 1947 and his first sports car was a 1934 1100cc Riley "Ulster Imp." In September 1950 he used it for the first time in a competitive event, the Brighton Speed Trials, winning his class in fine style.

The following March, his father let him drive a 1936 1½ litre Riley T. Sprite he had bought for his own use, at Castle Combe, Wiltshire. He won two races at that meeting and went on to taste victory in 14 of the 18 races he entered that year.

At Top Form

During the 1951 season at Goodwood, Mike was regularly present, then at the wheel of a Riley. He climbed steadily to the top of the points chart, to win the Motor Sport Brookland's Memorial Challenge Trophy, beating the far more experienced Goodwood driver T.A.D. Crook, in a Frazer Nash, by only one point in the final.

By 1952 he was at the top of his form, racing both at home and abroad with victories to his credit wherever he went. Foreign companies began to be

interested and the offers came in.

But Mike was determined to race British. He turned down foreign offers and threw in his lot with the ill-fated BRM (British Racing Motor).

But 1953 proved his unluckiest year. The BRM failed to finish in any major race. He had a series of mishaps. Once at practice, the bonnet top of his car blew off and hit Hawthorn in the face while he was doing more than 100mph. Later a rear spring collapsed and he was thrown out at more than 100mph. Once when his brakes failed he careered into a ploughed field. And in one race he was leading and had broken the lap record when he was put out by a sheered magneto driver.

It was not just the BRM—it was a bad patch for Hawthorn. But still, there was nothing new to Mike Hawthorn.

Miraculous Escape

As early as 1954 he had a miraculous escape in a Ferrari when his car collided with two others in Sicily and burst into flames. He had severe burns on the face, arms and legs and spent several weeks in hospital. And just a year later, in another Jaguar, he won the gruelling 24-hour Le Mans race in which 85 spectators were killed when a Mercedes, driven by a Frenchman, crashed into the crowd opposite the pits at 150 mph.

Mercedes Benz, the German firm, later accused Hawthorn of being the indirect cause of the tragedy by pulling into the pits too suddenly.

It was a Jaguar win for the third time in four years—his average was 106.89 mph—but it was a hollow victory for Mike because after the accident the German team withdrew when they held a substantial lead.

Hawthorn's name was cleared both by juries, who took the unprecedented step of issuing a statement on behalf of one of its drivers and by an inquiry which subsequently took place in France and which recommended improved safety regulations in future races.

But Hawthorn's bad luck did not last forever.

Joined Ferrari

At the end of 1952 he reluctantly signed with a foreign team Ferrari, after criticising British cars. He was soon back in form.

At the 1953 Naples Grand Prix he created immense excitement when Britain took four of the first six places. Hawthorn lost two minutes 35 seconds—more than a lap with a pit stop to pressure gauge trouble but then he caught and passed everybody but the winner, the late Peter Collins, who was driving a larger car, also a Ferrari.

The same year he bought himself a single-engine four seater Percival Gull Plane, which cruises at 230mph—about the same as Mike's maximum speed in a racing car.

He had taken flying lessons when he was being criticised at home for driving a foreign car and applauded abroad for driving like a champion.—China Mail Special.

CAMPBELL TURNS DOWN FARINA'S OFFER

London, Jan. 22.

Mr Donald Campbell tonight declined the "kind sporting gesture" of Nino Farina to help him bid to establish a new world land speed record in the United States next year.

Farina, a former world motor racing champion, offered in Rome to come out of retirement in honour of the memory of Mike Hawthorn, killed in a car crash today.

Campbell, who already holds the world's water speed record, said of Farina's offer: "This is a very kind sporting gesture."

"But as a matter of policy it would not be possible to accept because this is an entirely British project in conception, design and execution. In common with the rest of the sporting world I have nothing but the highest regard for this great driver. But I do not think that the Committee of Trustees would feel able to engage other than a British driver." —Reuter.

Scottish Soccer Team To Tour Australia

Sydney, Jan. 22.

Topline Scottish soccer club, Hearts of Midlothian, will tour Australia in May this year to play ten matches, the Australian Soccer Association announced last night.

Final negotiations are expected to be made in 10 days for the tour of the team, which is current leader in the Scottish League's First Division competition.

Hearts of Midlothian includes two Scottish internationals, centre-forward Willie Bould and centre-half Gildard. The Australian Association hopes also to bring out the Costa Rican champion team, Deportivo Saprissa, to Sydney in May. Deportivo Saprissa includes eight internationals and is rated the best club team in Central America.—China Mail Special.

Johansson NY Bound

Gothenburg, Jan. 22.

European heavyweight boxing champion and number one contender to the world crown, Sweden's Ingemar Johansson, today left by air for New York.—France-Press.



The late Mike Hawthorn is seen here with Donald Campbell at a presentation to Campbell last week, just after he had agreed to act as co-test pilot in the latter's attempt to break the land speed record in the United States next year.

When asked why he chose Hawthorn, Campbell was reported to have said "In this record-breaking business, you never know. In the event of my death Mike has agreed to take over the job."

"In the event of Mike's death then Stirling Moss will take over."

AUSTRALIAN TENNIS TOURNEY Olmedo Beats Schmidt In Quarter-Final Despite Pulled Muscle

Adelaide, Jan. 22.

Alex Olmedo, hampered by a pulled stomach muscle, gained the men's singles semi-finals today at the Australian tennis championships by defeating Ulf Schmidt of Sweden, 6-4, 9-7, 3-6, 7-5.

Olmedo, the Peruvian from Los Angeles who starred in America's recent Davis Cup triumph over Australia, played at half-speed but still managed to oust Schmidt, one of the world's better players. Alex served at half-speed, did not leap for overhead shots or stretch to reach wide returns.

Olmedo's next opponent will be the winner of the match between Barry Mackay of Dayton, Ohio, and Roy Emerson of Australia. This contest was postponed until tomorrow.

Yesterday, tournament officials pressed Olmedo into reconsidering his decision to withdraw from the doubles. Officials asked him to wait until after today's match before deciding whether he would default in the doubles.

Doubles Doubt

"I certainly don't think I will play in doubles now," Alex said after today's match. He and Mackay were scheduled to meet Australia's Bob Mark and Rod Laver in the semi-finals.

In today's other singles quarter-finals, Neale Fraser ousted Don Candy, 6-2, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, while Mark defeated Andres Gimeno of Spain, 6-4, 8-6, 7-5, 6-4. Fraser will play Mark in an all-Australian semi-final.

Officials said later today they had accepted Olmedo's withdrawal from the doubles yesterday. That means Mark and Laver will play Fraser and Emerson on Friday for the doubles crown.

Olmedo defeated Schmidt with a combination of determination, line-clipping shots at vital moments and the Swede's numerous errors.

NSW 37 For Two Against The MCC

Sydney, Jan. 23.

New South Wales were 37 for two at lunch on the opening day of their four-day return match against the MCC here today.

The champion state, put in to bat after Peter May had won the toss, started disastrously losing both a their opening batsmen, W. Watson and Jim Burke, for 13 runs.

Watson, missed by Sweetman off the first ball he received from Tyson, was caught behind the wicket off Statham for a duck (1/1) and Burke, after two "lives," was clean bowled by Bailey for five (2/13).

Norman O'Neill and Nell Harvey checked the threatened collapse by careful play, and at the adjournment were undefeated with 14 and 18 respectively.

Occasional Lift

The pitch was in good state, unaffected by yesterday's rain, though the ball lifted occasionally — and it was in expectation of one of these lifts that Frank Tyson bowled to O'Neill with four short legs. All three MCC bowlers tried this morning were accurate, making the batsmen work for their runs.

Statham's one wicket this morning cost 11 runs in six overs and Bailey's 12 runs in five overs, two of which were maidens.

Tyson had eight overs for 14 runs, including three maidens. The first match between the two sides, in mid-November last year, ended in a draw.

The MCC left out Tony Lock from the twelve players named for the match.

The Teams

The teams are: MCC: P. May (Captain), T. Bailey, T. Gravamy, R. Subba Row, E. Dexter, P. Richardson, R. Sweetman, J. Mortimore, F. Tyson, B. Statham. New South Wales: B. Bessud (Captain), J. Burke, D. Ford, A. Wyatt, N. Harvey, N. Marks, N. O'Neill, P. Phillipott, G. Thomas, C. Rorke, W. Watson.—Reuter.

European Zone Davis Cup Draw

London, Jan. 22.

Italy, last year's zone winners, will meet either Belgium or the Netherlands in the second round of this year's European zone of the Davis Cup lawn tennis competition.

Others to receive first round byes with Italy were last year's remaining three semi-finalists, France, Poland and Britain, together with Luxembourg. Luxembourg and Britain were drawn together with Luxembourg getting home advantage. Italy and Britain, who met in last year's zone final, were drawn in separate halves. Italy are in the top half with France, and Britain are in the lower section with Poland.

Italy and France, who meet the winners of the Yugoslav-Denmark tie, are expected semi-finalists. The draw was made in London at the request of the holders of the trophy, the United States. The British Lawn Tennis Association will be responsible for organising the European zone.

Different Look

Dated for completion of the rounds will depend on when the United States defends the Cup which they recently won from Australia. The European zone has a different look to previous years, with the entry being increased from 24 to 28. Only the four semi-finalists were accepted from the first round instead of the eight quarter-finalists as before. Venues have still to be decided.

The Draw

Following is the draw for the European zone (matches in draw order):— First Round France—bye. Yugoslavia v. Denmark, Ireland v. New Zealand, Egypt v. Rumania. Italy—bye. Belgium v. Netherlands, South Africa v. Norway, Lebanon v. Colombia.

Hungarian Athletes To Run In U.S.

Budapest, Jan. 22.

Hungarian athletes, Istvan Ruzsaszky, world 1,500 metres record ex-holder, and the 6,000 metres star, Zoltan Kocsis, today accepted an American invitation to compete in a series of indoor events in the United States. They will leave for New York at the beginning of February, it was revealed here today.—France-Press.

TWO FIGHTS

Later in the IBC spokesman said that Robinson had talked of contesting two fights: One with light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore, and the other with Carmen Basille. Robinson, who was due to fight the latter, had been advised by the IBC to postpone the fight until after the Moore fight.—France-Press.

International Amateur Boxing

Seattle, Jan. 22.

The third international amateur boxing tournament will now be staged in Mexico because of recent events in Cuba, where Havana had been chosen as the venue it was revealed here today.—France-Press.

London, Jan. 22.

Finland v. Spain, Israel v. Switzerland, Brazil v. Germany, Poland—bye. Sweden v. Hungary, Chile v. Austria. Luxembourg—bye. Britain—bye.—Reuter.

Sugar Ray Is Now After Archie Moore

New York, Jan. 22.

World Middleweight champion Sugar Ray Robinson is seeking a fight with Archie "old man of the ring" Moore, the world Light-heavy title holder, it was revealed here today. Sugar Ray wants meet ageing Archie and wrest his title from him because "Moore is the hottest attraction in boxing right now... and I won't be completely happy till I win my third crown—the Light-heavy crown." Sugar Ray made his "I want to stop Archie" statement a few seconds before he was due to meet Truman Glibco, the President of the International Boxing Club—which legally (according to a Supreme Court verdict) is now dissolved.

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Later in the IBC spokesman said that Robinson had talked of contesting two fights: One with light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore, and the other with Carmen Basille. Robinson, who was due to fight the latter, had been advised by the IBC to postpone the fight until after the Moore fight.—France-Press.

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Softball League Prospects

A LOSS TO LOCAL SOFTBALL

Dave Cooper Leaves For UK Tomorrow

By A China Mail Reporter

The troopship "Nevasa" sets sail for the United Kingdom tomorrow and with it goes a very popular personality in local softball, Sgt Dave Cooper better known as the game's Umpire-in-Chief. Dave says goodbye to Hongkong and softball after a nine-year's stay in the Colony, on and off between tours of duty.



Born in Rugeley, a small coal-mining town in the Midlands, Dave never even heard of softball until 1950 when he was persuaded to make the trip to King's Park by his brother-in-law, an ex-Senior Leaguer.

At first the rules of the game had Dave a little confused and he quickly caught on, decided he liked what he had seen and there and then made up his mind he'd "have a go at it." He chose the difficult chore of pitching.

Special Award

The first Services team to participate in local softball, the 35 Bantams of Gun Club Hill failed to make any sort of impression on fans or the opposition during the 1951/2 playing season but one man's performance on the field caught the eye of the governing body. The HK Softball Association presented Dave with a special award for pitching 22 games without once being relieved on the mound—a rare example of determination from a rookie pitcher.

The next season 1952/3, still with the Gunters, was a memorable one for Dave. He wrote his name in the record books with an unusual pitching performance. In a Junior League game against the Comets, he issued 13 walks, struck out 14 batters (four in one inning) and was credited with a no-hitter in a game which they barely just won! Apparently not satisfied with this he went on to win the Most Valuable Player award and to add insult to injury ended the season as runner-up in the Batting race.

In December 1953 Dave's unit was sent to Germany where when time permitted he dabbled in soccer, basketball, hockey and cricket. His absence from the Service team was keenly felt for the next two softball seasons as the soldiers gallantly carried on and earned the admiration of the fans at King's Park for unqualified sportsmanship in completing all their league fixtures. No team was entered during 1955/6 but when Dave returned to Hongkong in time for the 1956/7 season he lost

little time in making re-appearance in softball. By this time he had joined up with the 1900 Independent Air O. P. Flight, RAF, and the well-known "Asters" of Shatin made their debut at King's Park.

Dave did such a good job of managing and coaching, also playing of course, that his side ended up with a commendable "Won 6, Lost 7" record, almost got through to the Junior Knock Out finals and Dave himself pitched his way to another M.V.P. title while ending up a respectable 5th in the batting averages.

Umpire-in-Chief

His services as a Plate Ump also received recognition from the Association when he was given a special commemorative medal for the good work done in umpiring the Play-Off Senior championship games. Since the 1957/8 season he has been Umpire-in-Chief, an unenviable task but one which he carried out efficiently and conscientiously.

Through the medium of this column he has asked me to express his thanks to all his friends in softball for all the kindness shown to him. I feel it should be the other way around because he has served most unselfishly the cause of the game both as a player and an official and softball is so much the poorer by his departure.

I echo the sentiments of all those connected with the game when I say "Bon Voyage, Dave and all the best!"

BRAVES STILL FAVOURED TO CLINCH THE SENIOR DIVISION PENNANT

By "TIME-OUT"

In mid-September 1958 it was my privilege to preview in this column what the 1958/9 softball season held in store for fans and to give you my estimation of the chances of the various teams in the three divisions.

In the Senior league I went on record as saying that there would be no stopping the Braves with South China AA and the Saints having more than a passing interest in the quest for the title.

In the Junior section I boldly picked the PI Dodgers as a "certainty" but warned them to watch out for the Cardinals whereas the Cheyennes were relegated to the ranks of the "also rans."

As for the fairer sex I predicted a dull playing season for them and an even duller one for spectators... and I was never more right.

Even making allowances for the expected 1 a/c no reason to revise these opinions although the results of later matches may prove me wrong. So let's take a look into the future and see what it has to offer. These who place great reliance on the use of the word "if" will have a field day figuring the odds in the various championship battles.

In the Senior division SCAA are in first place by virtue of having played one more game than the Saints who are lying second while the Braves are in third spot. The rest of the league is sitting out far behind with the fourth-placed Cheyennes the most disappointing side this season. The Nam Wah squad will have to play both the Braves and the Saints next month while the latter two have a postponed game still awaiting rescheduling.

Pedruco A Must

When you consider the interesting situation brought about by the Saints and SCAA having dropped two decisions each and the Braves three you must agree that the possibilities are endless! I still believe the Braves can take the title BUT they must have the services of ace pitcher Vic Pedruco without whom they

lost two easy matches, against the Cheyennes and SCAA. Let's hope Vic will turn in an appearance for the final spurt to the championship.

On the other hand all calculations may yet go haywire when one considers the possibility of upsets to the three top teams by sides like the Pandas and the Seminoles now out of the running but definitely posing a threat on their good days.

Dark Horses

In the minors there is also every chance of a three-way tie. The Dodgers and Cheyennes have suffered two defeats to date while the Cardinals lie third with three losses. The latter play the Dodgers very shortly while the Cheyennes have to face the Philippines, too, in a postponed match. There are dark horses in the form of the Diamonds and Comets while the rest of the league is only of nuisance value.

Regarding the ladies' division the Hurricanes MUST beat SCAA next month to force a play-off for the title since the Carolinians are unbeaten so far whereas the redshirts have dropped a game to them earlier in the season. The other four teams in the league do not stand a ghost of a chance and to ex-

pect sensational upsets from this quarter is asking too much.

The standard of softball from the ladies so far has been anything but impressive, even from the two top teams and the eight weeks' lay-off (the next ladies' game is scheduled for Feb. 21, 1959, the last was on December 28, 1958) can only bring about less and less interest in the game from players and fans. See what I mean about it being a dull season?

The week-end games hold little promise of excitement. It would be interesting to see who will win the strikes for the Aussies when they play the University in the first of two Junior games down for decision tomorrow afternoon. The U just couldn't put a glove wrong last week when they registered the season's biggest upset over the Cards and if they strike the same form the score will definitely run into double figures. It is strange to think of the Aussies without their key player and inspiration Dave Cooper who leaves the Colony tomorrow.

Shocked

The Cardinals shocked their supporters last week with a totally unexpected defeat at the hands of the U. Let's hope they won't give their fans a double dose of the same medicine for the Overseas are a greatly improved team. With penitence hopes greatly dimmed the Cards will have to take this game very seriously.

At 11.00 a.m. on Sunday "Goose" Wong and the South China team came to grips with the US Navy represented by the station ship "Pickaway" in the first of two Senior games. The sailors lived up to the game with their banter but chatter alone will not help them and the only doubt I have about the outcome of this one-sided match is the number of runs South China will score because the Navy team is a very weak batting side. "Goose's" lightning deliveries should tie the sailors up in knots as the South China sluggers settle down in earnest to drive in the runs.

At 2.00 p.m. a "grudge" fight will be seen. Rivalry carried forward from the past two playing seasons in the Junior league should result in a free-hitting Senior game between the Cheyennes and the Seminoles. The former are understandably fed up of playing second fiddle to the Seminoles. Ray Pacheco or Lei Dayarm to start on the mound for the Seminoles. Whichever one it's going to be he hasn't got a very enviable task because the Cheyennes made a very welcome return to hitting form last week when they pounded the Pandas for nine solid hits.

Hitting With Gusto

The Cheyennes' pitcher Dave Malt is hitting a long ball with gusto these days and so is lefty Tony Rodriguez who has finally, it seems, found his form. Both sides are prone to silly defensive errors but the nod must go to the Cheyennes for their better hitting.

In the final game of the day the PI Dodgers face the Eagles. The Philippines have been blessed with more than their normal quota of good luck in recent games and they might need it against a never-say-die Eagle side which, in the first round, gave Diesta and Company a big fright by going down 0-1 only.

The Eagles will have to polish up on their infield play if they wish to avenge their earlier defeat.

The Philippines can rise to the heights one moment then sink to the depths later but if they can grab an early lead I cannot see them losing.

It should be a close game with not more than a couple of runs separating the sides at the end of the evening.

In closing I wish to congratulate the Management Committee in FINALLY submitting to the Council of the HKSA only last week a provisional rescheduling of the 22 postponed games. The good wishes are somewhat belated but so was the rescheduling news, of which was long overdue.



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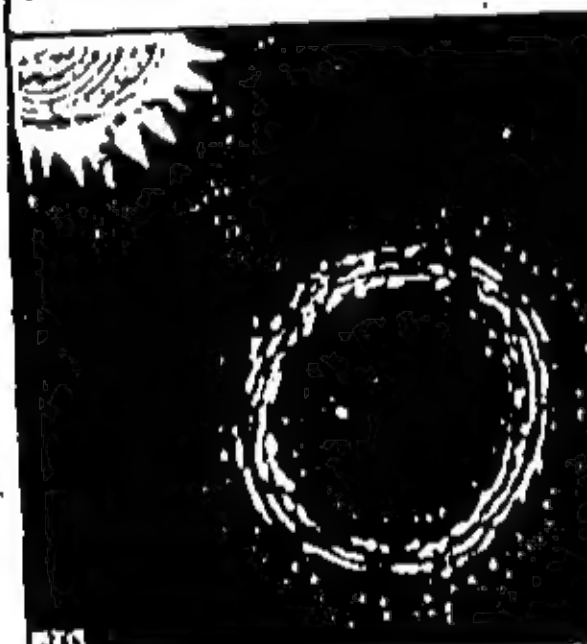
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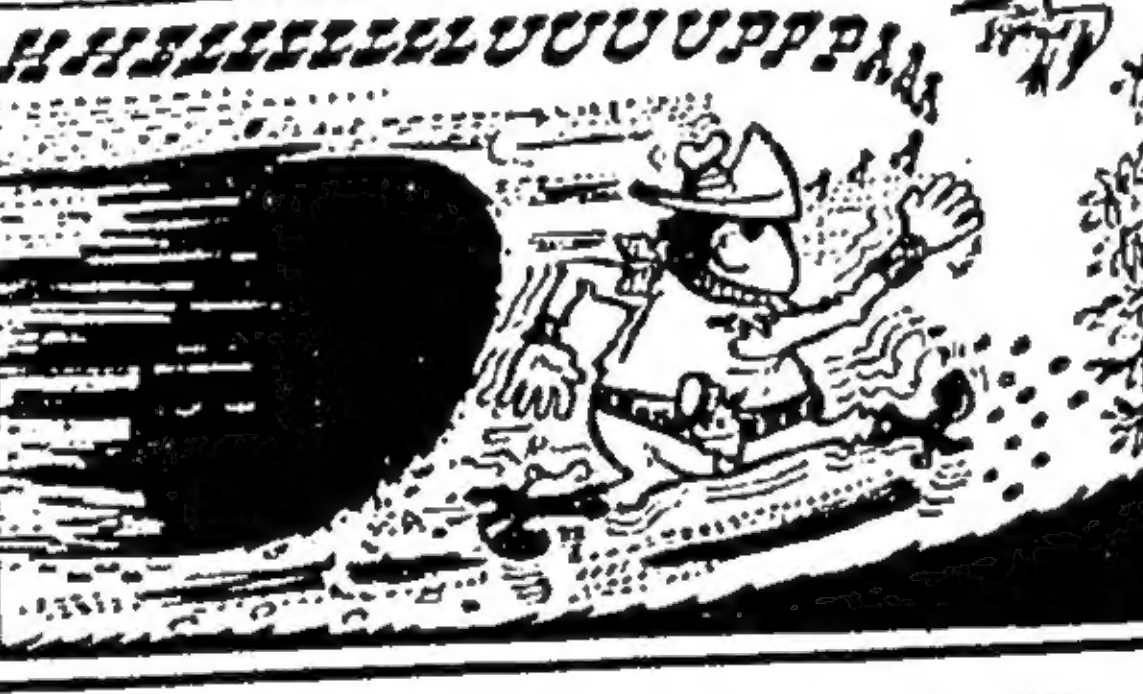
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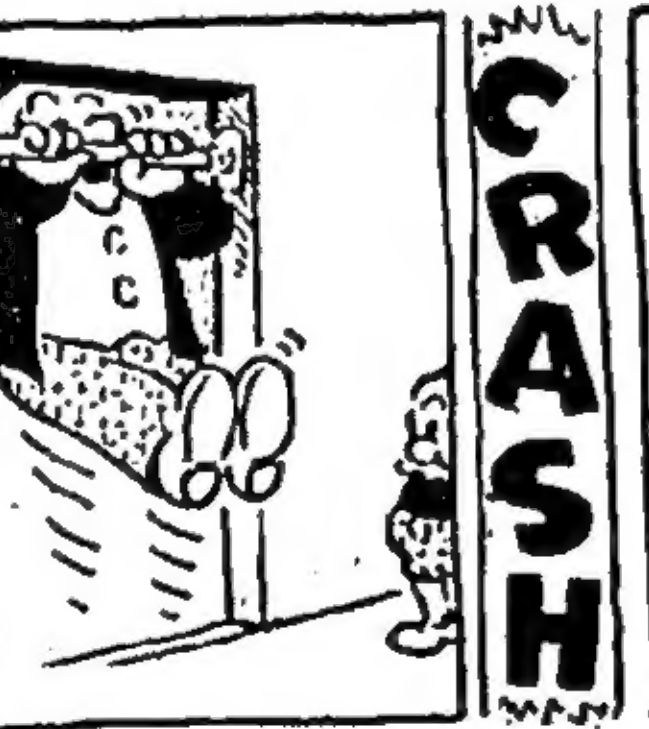
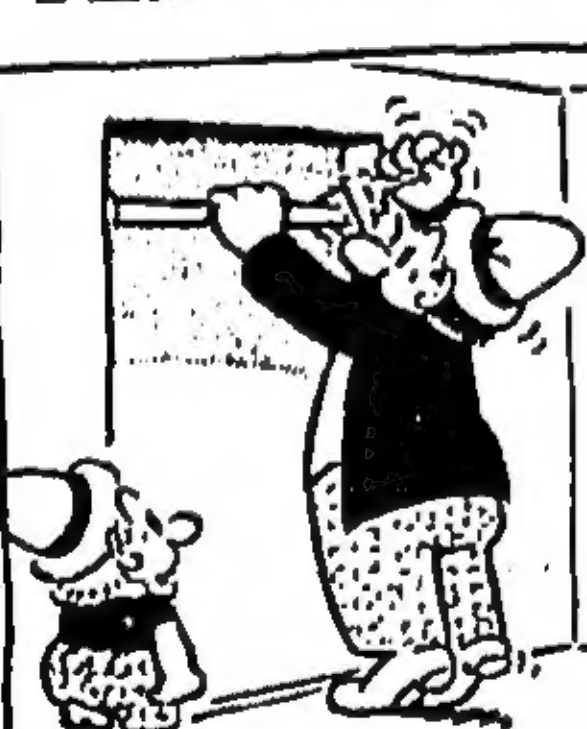


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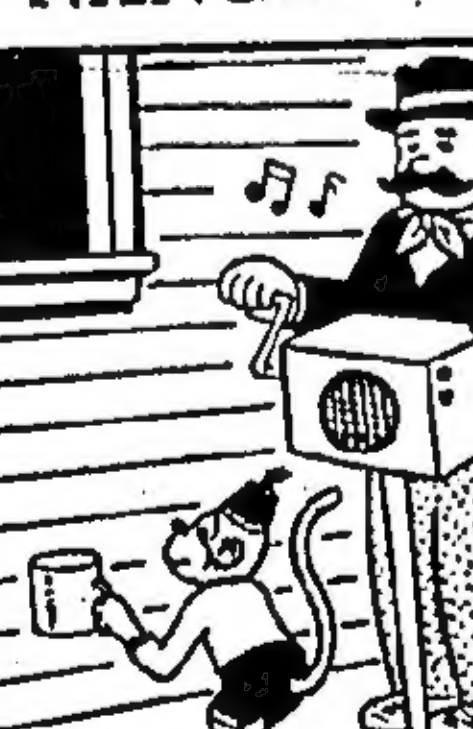


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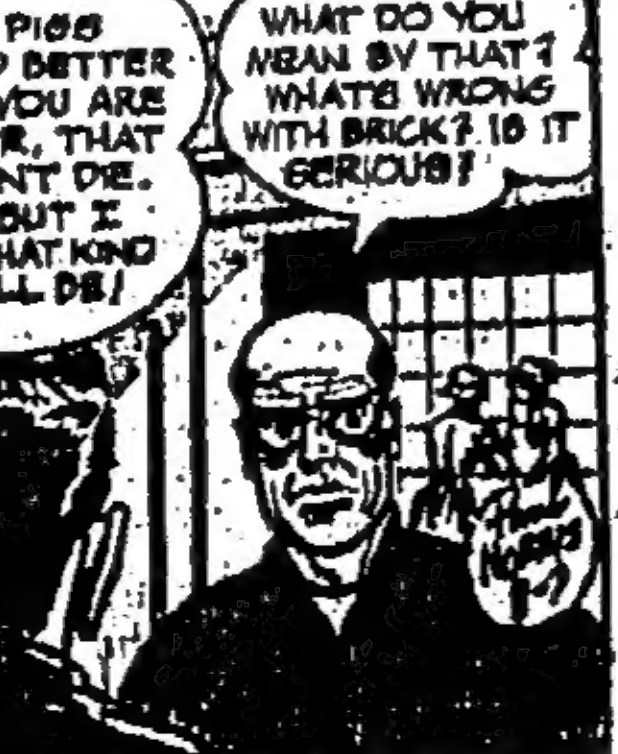
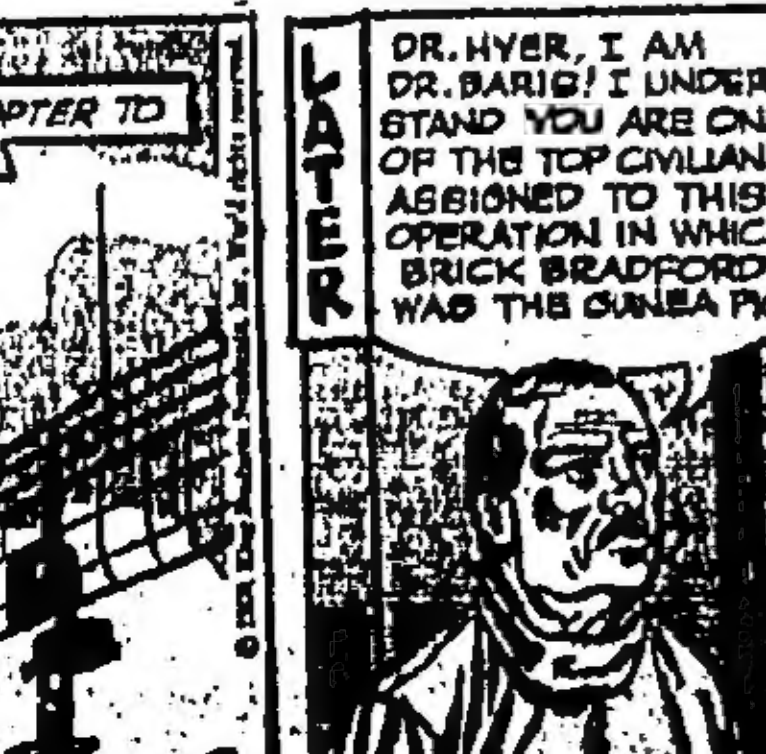
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BIG PROJECTS FOR JORDAN VALLEY REVEALED Resettlement Homes For 22,000

16 Blocks, One Factory Will Be Built

Government revealed plans to provide resettlement accommodation for a total of 22,000 people in the Jordan Valley estates of Kowloon.

The disclosures are made in today's Government Gazette which calls for tenders for nine blocks and site formation work for another seven.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Old Hongkong

Sir,—I read with interest Mr. Luff's article in your January 21 issue and beg to make corrections as follows:

"Paddy" May—was starter and rode in races when he was Colonial Secretary, before he went off to be Governor of Fiji—he did not function or ride in races after his return as Governor here.

"Tommy" Hough—I bought his house at Magazine Gap in 1920 and he left Hongkong about January 1921. He wore a hunting red coat only when doing his job as Clerk of the Course at Annual Race Meetings.

Talpins of Jardines usually raced under the name of John Peel in Shanghai, Hongkong etc. Hough had served for years in the 8th Hussars. He was given a job at Jardines so that he could ride for them. After his bad accident riding, he joined the firm of Hughes and Hough here—nucleoniers and coal merchants.

During World War I, he was Adjutant of the Mounted Police—the C. O. being Jenkins, a leading Barrister at that time.

H. D. L. Dowling.

REPLIES: Old Times: The information you gave was covered in a letter published yesterday.

The nine blocks will be started together with a factory building in April and will be completed by December.

These will contain 3,000 flats and accommodate 15,000 people. Each block will be seven storeys high.

Roof Canteen

The factory, of five storeys will have a canteen on the roof. The seven additional resettlement blocks will contain 1,500 flats. It is proposed to resettle about 7,000 people in them.

Several hills will be levelled for the site formation work and the earth used to fill in patches of low-lying land. Work will begin in March and take four months to finish.

Education Appeals Board Members

The Government Gazette today notified that the following have been appointed Members of the Appeals Board under Section 33 of the Education Ordinance, 1952, for two years from January 1:

Mr F. X. D'Almada e Castro, JP (Chairman), Rev Fr P. Cronin, Miss B. M. Kotewall, Mr Li Yiu-bor, Miss V. D. A. Silcock, Mrs Tseung Ts'o Lai-ki, Mr Wan Yu-shing, Mr Fong Yatt-chiao and Mr Tse Yu-chuen.

Mr Charles McGugan has been appointed Secretary of the Board vice Mr T. V. C. Reynolds.

Tibetans May Build Pagoda In Hongkong

STAFF REPORTER

Another pagoda may be built in Hongkong—this time by a group of Tibetan Buddhists.

They are waiting for a reply from Government to a request they made last year for permission to build.

It will be in memory of the late deceased "Living Buddha," Ching Cha.

The Tibetan monk died in Taiwan last year and some of his ashes are at present in the Colony.

The Buddhists visited the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs a few months ago but nothing concrete was decided at the meeting. They are also faced with the problem of getting funds.

AT RENNIES MILL

If Government permission is granted, the pagoda will be constructed at the Rennie's Mill Camp for refugees.

About two years ago, a pagoda was built in Tsun Wan in honour of a famous and prominent monk, Tai Hui, from which the pagoda takes its name.

Another is being built by the Hongkong Buddhist group, also in Tsun Wan, at Fu Ying Hill, as a memorial to another famous Buddhist, Ying Kwang, but this is not yet complete.

Two Lost From Fishing Junks

A fisherman is missing after being washed overboard from his junk by a big wave yesterday morning 60 miles from Hongkong.

Another man who was washed overboard at the same time was rescued.

Another fisherman was drowned when a junk capsized about 75 miles south of the Colony.

THEY'LL SHOOT TV FILMS OF CHINESE NEW YEAR IN COLONY

By DAVID T. K. WONG

Singapore. NINE million television viewers in the United Kingdom will soon get a chance to see colourful aspects of Hongkong life as a husband and wife team will be going to Hongkong during the Chinese New Year season to shoot them for the BBC.

The half-hour programmes will be produced by Mr and Mrs Armand Denis, who are now here prior to leaving for Hongkong.

The Hongkong subjects that they are most interested in are traditional Chinese weddings, funerals and festive occasions.

They are going to shoot a film here on the death houses in Singapore's Chinatown to form part of the series.

Mr and Mrs Denis, who live in Nairobi, have been working for the BBC for five years, doing films on Africa. They have already



MR & MRS ARMAND DENIS

produced 39 television films and 12 full-length movies. Their films have also been televised in America, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland and Australia. They are at present on a contract to do 20 films for the BBC—12 of which will be based on the Far East. Mrs Denis is also an authoress. Her first book was "Leopard in My Lap," and her second book entitled "The Africa I Love" has just been completed.

Chinese New Year Firecracker Hours Announced

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the District Commissioner, New Territories, have given general permission for fireworks to be discharged during certain periods on February 7, 8, 9 and 14—the Chinese New Year holidays.

On Hongkong Island, in Kowloon and New Kowloon firecrackers may be let off from 4 p.m. on February 7 to 4 p.m. on Monday, February 9 except between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. on each day; and from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 14.

In the New Territories, the times are from 4 p.m. on February 7 to 4 p.m. on February 9 and from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 14.

The public are asked to refrain from indiscriminate throwing of firecrackers, either at passers-by or near inflammable materials.

Prohibited

The letting off of bombs, "electric" crackers and "Golden Coin" crackers is strictly prohibited, and the attention of dealers is drawn to regulations prohibiting the sale of fireworks which explode on impact or which contain any explosive ingredients other than those authorised for use.

All Police officers have strict orders to summon or arrest any person who discharges outside the permitted hours on the dates specified or who fails to observe the conditions for the discharge of crackers.

Mrs Moss Leaves

Mrs Katie Moss, wife of British racing driver, Stirling Moss, left the Colony this morning by air for Bangkok, to rejoin her husband, before returning to Britain.

Mrs Moss said she was shocked when she read, this morning's newspapers and learned of the death of Mike Hawthorn, the British world champion racing driver.

5 Become British Subjects

The Government Gazette today notified that the following have been granted Certificates of Naturalisation under the British Nationality Act:

Dr Chang Shiu-sig, c/o British Council Residence, No. 1, Hans Crescent, London, SW 1.

Dr Kong Shau-fong, known as Carlos Kong, known as Gary Kong, of 115, Pei Ho Street, third floor.

Mrs Alice Cheung, known as Alice Lim Wan-nio, of 244, Prince Edward Road.

Miss Tsang Ng-wah, known as Tsang Shien-chi, known as Kate Tsang of 8B, 2, Hart Avenue, 4th floor.

Mr Lam Cheng-joo, known as Lam Ching-yue of 17, Kotewall Road, second floor.

Stole Magpie, Say Police

A 40-year-old woman, Law Yuk, residing at 22 Peel Street, first floor, was charged before Mr Derek Cons at Central Magistrate's this morning of stealing a magpie from her fellow-tenant on Tuesday. She was remanded for three days for further enquiry. No plea was taken.

\$583 Hospital Claim Settled Out Of Court

A claim for \$583 for medical and surgical services at Queen Mary Hospital, brought against M. Sims of 28 Kimberley New Street, ground floor, was withdrawn before Judge R.H. Mills-Owens, at the Kowloon District Court this morning.

Mr D.G. Villa, crown counsel, told the court the case had been settled out of court. No order was made on costs. Mr A.M.L. Soares, of Messrs Brulion and Co., represented the defendant.

STOLE PADRE'S RECORDER: MAN GAOLED

Tung Chai-yuen, 23, unemployed, who admitted stealing a tape recorder from the house of the Rev. R.L. Parsonage at Victoria Barracks, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment by Mr Derek Cons at Central this morning. The defendant had eight previous convictions, five of them similar. Sub-Inspector R. Ma told the Court.

He said that at 9 a.m. on Sunday the complainant, left his house with his family. The main door was closed but not locked. When he returned home later that day he found the tape recorder missing from the sitting room.

Sub-Inspector Ma said that on Wednesday detectives, acting on information, arrested the defendant in Hennessy Road when he was carrying the recorder.

APPEAL FOR STUDENT SUCCEEDS

Mr D. Benson in the Juvenile Court at Central Magistrate's this morning exercised his discretion under Section 35 of the Magistrate's Ordinance and dismissed a charge against a 16-year-old student of being a member of a Triad society.

The student had pleaded guilty to the charge on Thursday last week and was ordered to be bound over in \$250 for two years.

This morning, Mr F.H.B. Wong, of C.Y. Kwan and Co., who represented the student, applied for a review of the sentence.

Mr Wong said the boy had since last Thursday been dismissed from the school where he was studying because of the conviction.

The boy was now in Form Three and it was impossible to get another seat in Form Three class in another school.

Mr Benson observed that at the previous hearing, the Court was told that the student was not an active member and that he had joined the illegal society under pressure.

He therefore agreed to Mr Wong's request and dismissed the charge and the conviction.

New Architects

The names of the following have been added to the list of qualified architects: Messrs Au Chi-chung, F. Do Paula Baptista, Jack Koo Chai-ling, David Lee Tai-wai, Lee Yick-chim, Lo Kwong-yiu, Pak Kwong, Pui Yau-tu and Wong Tin-chung.

Government Appointments Gazetted

The Government Gazette today announced the following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings:—

Mr K. W. J. Topley, Cadet Officer, Class II, to be Acting Registrar of Co-operatives and Director of Marketing.

Mr Paul K. C. Tsui, Cadet Officer, Class II, to be Assistant Commissioner for Resettlement. Dr Hsu Hsiang-chen, Woman Medical Officer, to be Acting Specialist (Gynaecological and Obstetric).

Mr J. Montague-Ebbw, a Marine Officer, to be Acting Senior Marine Officer during the absence of Mr E. J. Bower. Mr C. S. Barron, Assistant Superintendent of Surveys, PWD, resumed duty on return from leave.

Mr A. R. Giles, Land Surveyor, ceased to act as Assistant Superintendent of Surveys.

Mr A. W. P. Cox, Assistant Waterworks Engineer, resumed duty on return from leave.

Mr J. M. Pettigrew, Mechanical Engineer, ceased to act as Assistant Waterworks Engineer.

Mr A. W. Fowler, Chief Health Inspector, resumed duty on return from leave.

Mr Leung Sik-hung, Senior Health Inspector, ceased to act as Chief Health Inspector.

Mr H. R. Tappenden, Superintendent of Prisons, to be Acting Assistant Commissioner of Prisons.

Mr L. W. Bruce, Chief Officer, to be Acting Superintendent of Prisons.

Mr R. L. Zafac, Assistant Chief Officer, to be Acting Chief Officer of Prisons.

Dr A. Deane Pezza, to be an Inspector of Schools.

From the Files

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Club Rugby team to meet HMS Cumberland and HMS Tamar today: W.H.B. Rigg, K. Noble, J.A.R. Selby, R.H. Griffiths, A.D. Lawson, J. Hutchison, H.C. Meeks, R.O.F. King, R.G. Castleton, S.H. Garrad, W. O'Neil, W.R. Andrews, A.R. Cox, J. McGugan and K.A. Munro.

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MEETING for the first time for over a decade, a team representative of Jardines met a team from Butterfield and Swire on the club ground yesterday and scored five goals without reply.

Teams were Jardines: Nichols, Urquhart, Ralston, Chadderton, Panchoon, Duncan, Butler, H.H. Frost, White, Duncan.

B & S: Lawrie, Castleton, Hinton, McIntosh, Crawford, Knowles, Campbell, Williamson, Johnson, Cowie, Elliott. Scorers for Jardines: Frost, White, Hill, Butler, Ralston.

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A new school to take the place of the well-known Redcroft School for British children will soon open in Tsingtau. It will be called St. Giles. Headmaster will be Mr McCorkindale.

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AT the Yorkshire Society ball, cabaret items were given by Mrs Joan Tetley and Mr J. Scott Harston, our genial president obliging with two humorous songs in his own inimitable style. "Ilkka Moor" was rendered by Messrs A. R. Brown, J. H. Shaw, W. Stoker and C. Jackson.

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